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55 incidents in prison

Dumping at Spring Lane

■ Rob McNamara

JUST weeks after a €53,000 clean-up of the notorious Spring Lane dumping ground, more than 70 bags of rubbish have again been left near the site.

City Hall officials are examining CCTV footage to determine the identity of the culprits who dumped the waste at the entrance to the halting site on Monday night.

The bags of domestic waste — including food waste, beer cans, animal feed bags, and other items — were left on the road between 8.45pm and 10pm.

A €53,000 clean-up of a large vacant site on Spring Lane, which had become an illegal dump due to the volumes of fly-tipping over a 20-year period, was carried out by Cork City Council in April and March.

The site is now secure and CCTV footage has been installed, but fly-tippers have continued to dump in the area.

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RIVER DANCERS READY TO CLICK IN THE CRANE



Dancers from the Cork Youth Ballet Company, Eadaoin Collins, Eve Waterstone, Yasmine O'Brien and Chloe Riordan, rehearsing for 'Cry Me A River', a jazz ballet that will take place at the Firkin Crane on April 26 and 27. Picture: Denis Minihane

Most assault cases in Cork Prison are dropped

■ Ann Murphy

GARDAÍ were called to an average of one incident every week at Cork Prison last year, according to figures from the Department of Justice.

The figures show that gardai were called to the prison on 55 different occasions last year.

Such call-outs are generally made in connection with assaults and other offences.

According to gardai, there were several occasions last year and in 2017 when gardai were called to reports of an assault. However, the vast majority of incidents are not followed up with complaints.

Each assault is reported to gardai by prison authorities. But when gardai seek to investigate, the majority of victims in the prison population do not make a formal complaint and the incident cannot be pursued.

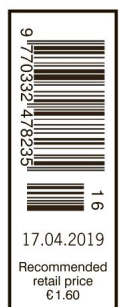
The 55 calls last year, was down on the previous year when there were 72 requests for attendance. In 2016, there were just 28 such incidents. So far this year, gardai have been called just once to the prison.

A total of 156 such incidents have occurred since January 2016.

Nationally, there 392 call-outs to Mountjoy last year, 300 to Wheatfield and 275 to Castle-rear. Cork is joint fourth highest along with Cloverhill in west Dublin.

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Daily Million (9pm): 3, 6, 8, 26, 33, 39. Bonus 2

Daily Million Plus: 10, 15, 17, 21, 31, 34. Bonus 33

Togher drawn into South African election

■ Jack Squibb

The local elections draw closer, with campaigning underway across Ireland but somehow the Cork suburb of Togher has managed to become involved in the upcoming general election in South Africa.

The country's ruling party, the African National Congress (ANC), has been left red-faced with spelling errors on some of its billboards across the country. The latest error has now seen Togher become a part of the campaign with a billboard near Port Elizabeth reading 'Let's grow South Africa Togher' next to an image of the country's current president, Cyril Ramaphosa.

Publications in the country have been quick to educate their readers about one of Cork's most favourite places.

"Togher, a parish of Cork in the south of the country, is popular for giving the world former Manchester United full-back Denis Irwin, racewalking olympian Robert Heffernan and... *checks notes*... the world's largest bingo card," according to news website thesouthafrican.com.



A spelling error on a General Election campaign billboard in South Africa has locals wondering what 'Togher' is.
Picture: Renaldo Gouws/Twitter

Victims do not complain

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Of the cases pursued by gardai, offenders can get a prison sentence of up to seven years, and/or a fine. Under Section 19 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994, a judge is allowed to impose a sentence consecutive to the one which the offender was already serving.

A report published last year by the Irish Prison Reform Trust, called *Progress in the Penal System*, highlighted that the number of assaults nationally fallen.

The report outlined: "The number of assaults by prisoners on other prisoners decreased by 27% to 417 in 2017. Acts of violence by prisoners on staff was up by 1% to 104 incidents."

Prisoners are disciplined for assaults and have privileges taken away from them. The types of privileges taken from them will be determined on an individual basis, depending on the gravity of the incident.

Fair Deal funds call to tackle A&E crisis

THE overcrowding situation in Cork hospitals, particularly the CUH, could worsen if there is a failure to fund the Fair Deal Scheme, Nursing Homes Ireland has warned.

The Fair Deal scheme offers support for people who require long-term residential care. Participants contribute to the cost of their care according to their means, while the State pays the balance with the aim of providing accessible and affordable care for everyone.

Concerns have been raised recently over the rising cost of funding the scheme, with state spending on it expected to hit €1bn this year, as demand for the scheme soars.

The HSE service plan 2019 aimed to maintain an average of 23,042 clients throughout the year. During February, 23,228 were supported by the scheme.

The HSE has said it is monitoring it on a "weekly basis".

■ Darragh Bermingham

The crisis is an ongoing consequence of a failure to plan for our growing older population, according to Tadhg Daly, CEO of Nursing Homes Ireland, who called for increased funds for the scheme.

He warned that a failure to do so "will create massive waiting times for Fair Deal which will knock on to hospitals that will not be able to cope with overcrowding".

The *Echo* revealed last week that patients at a Cork hospital Emergency Department were waiting almost nine hours on average to be seen.

The information was revealed after there were reports of patients waiting for around 12 hours at CUH in recent weeks as the hospital issued a status black escalation, deeming it clinically unsafe to admit more patients.

"There's no doubt that the situation experienced in Cork hospitals over the past number of weeks has been impacted by

the slow down in Fair Deal schemes," said Mr Daly, describing these waiting times as "horrendous".

"If you look at the number of delayed discharges on average, up to 65%, 70% of those are waiting on nursing home care," he said. "If there's a delay in funding, and in improving funding for Fair Deal, then that has a very direct impact on acute hospitals."

"There is no doubt in my mind that this was a large contributory factor in the status black at CUH."

Mr Daly added that the HSE's prediction that an additional 91 people would need the scheme this year was "completely unrealistic".

"Figures show an increase of almost 200 in April alone," he said.

"If the numbers are outside the projections then additional funding will likely be required because the implications of not providing this would be very bleak for older people themselves and for acute hospitals like CUH."

Leo calls for FAI probe

LEO VARADKAR has said an investigation into the financial affairs of the Football Association of Ireland needs to be conducted.

He said the Government shared the concerns of taxpayers and the anger of football fans over the revelations about how the FAI has been run in recent years.

Mr Varadkar's call comes as the entire board of the FAI indicated that they will step down.

The organisation has been under fire since it emerged that ex-chief executive John Delaney provided a bridging loan in April 2017 to prevent it exceeding its €1.5m bank overdraft.

Mr Varadkar told the Dáil yesterday: "Investigations are necessary — investigations by Sport Ireland — into the accounts and finances of FAI, and it also may be necessary for the ODCE to carry out investigations under company law. The objective must be to restore confidence in how the FAI is being run."

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Trio plead guilty to burglary over beer theft

■ By Liam Heylin

Three young men who had been drinking all day faced sentencing for burglary yesterday for calling to a house and one of them letting himself into the kitchen past the owner and stealing nine cans of Heineken from the fridge.

The trio who pleaded guilty to burglary were: Jonathan Buckley, 25, of Avondoe, 86 Upper Doyle Road, Cork; Martin Daly, 35, of 7 Annalee Grove, Mayfield; Stephen Higgins, 27, of 22 Glenree Crescent, Mayfield.

The exact nature of what each one did in terms of entry on to the premises was disputed.

Inspector Seán McCarthy said it arose out of a burglary at a house at Glenamoy Lawn on July 4, 2017.

Detective Garda Mark Durcan gave evidence of what happened: "In the early hours of that date the injured party

answered his front door and said three men entered his house without his permission.

"One of them went to the fridge and removed nine cans of Heineken and left the house. They left the scene in a vehicle."

"Later that morning there was a single vehicle accident at Castlemartyr and three were arrested for various matters."

"A number of cans of Heineken were found in the car and examined. There was CCTV of the car being driven away."

"Interviewed, they all admitted being together and going to the house at Glenamoy Lawn. Stephen Higgins said he stayed by the gate and both Buckley and Daly said they went to the front door. Jonathan Buckley admitted he went into the house without permission and removed

cans of Heineken from the fridge.

"The injured party said all three were at the door when he answered. He clearly stated all three entered the house with two of the group stepping inside the door while the third person went to the fridge."

Judge Con O'Leary put it back for a month for probation reports but indicated possible sentences of six months for Buckley, three months for Daly and 120 hours community service for Higgins.

Eddie Burke, solicitor, said Buckley accepted that he was the one who went to the fridge. The solicitor said Daly did not enter the house and said he suffered from anxiety but was doing very well in his life lately.

Michael Quinlan, solicitor, said Higgins accepted his part in the incident and apologised to the injured party, whom he knew before this occurred.

Teenager on stricter bail

■ Liam Heylin

A youth facing charges under Operation Joyrider — a Garda investigation of car thefts in Cork city — was released on more stringent bail yesterday after four nights in custody.

Jake O'Sullivan, aged 18, of 22 Fairfield Rd, Farranree, had his bail revoked on Friday for 18 breaches of his bail conditions in the last few weeks.

Judge Olann Kelleher remanded the teenager in custody from Friday until yesterday. However, he agreed to release him yesterday when Shane Collins Daly, solicitor, renewed the bail application.

Sgt Ann Marie Twomey said the gardai wanted the 11pm curfew changed to 9pm and

the three-day-a-week signing condition increased to a requirement to sign every day at Gurrabraher Garda Station. Judge Kelleher amended those conditions.

The case was adjourned for a hearing at Cork District Court on June 20 with O'Sullivan on bail until then.

He faces charges of driving 11 stolen vehicles between March and November 2017.

His bail conditions require him to keep an 9pm-6am curfew, not contact co-defendants, not drive, abstain from alcohol, and sign daily at Gurrabraher Garda Station.

'Perhaps we didn't value it for all it was — a symbol of the heart of Paris, of France'



Notre Dame cathedral, Paris, following the fire on Monday evening which destroyed much of the building.
Picture: Gareth Fuller/PA



Firefighters battled for more than 12 hours to extinguish the inferno which claimed the cathedral's spire and roof but spared its bell towers and the purported Crown of Christ.
Picture: Christophe Petit Tesson/APBC

'City, France, world devastated'

A CORK man working in Paris said the city, France, and the world have been devastated by the Notre Dame fire.

James Creedon, from Bishopstown, works with international television station France 24 and is based in the French capital.

Speaking to *The Echo*, he said that while there were no deaths from the fire, there was an outpouring of grief.

"This is a place very dear not just to French people, but to people the world over," he said.

"I walk in front of Notre Dame every day on the way to work and always stop and admire it. It's such a striking and beautiful building and I think French gothic architecture has a particular beauty. Even for those who aren't traditionally religious, the building

■ Sarah Horgan

has aspects of beauty that any person can connect with.

"People were somewhat surprised to realise they had an emotional connection to this place. Often just like with connections to people, you don't realise how strong that connection is until it's threatened and might disappear. We often say of human relationships, 'I wish I'd valued that person while I had them'. It's similar with Notre Dame. It was always there in the background.

"Perhaps we didn't value it for all that it was — a symbol of the heart of Paris and the heart of France.

"I think people are mindful that the worst has been avoided. The structure is in place and it can be rebuilt."

Experts have said there is little firefighters could have done any sooner to control the



Firefighters spraying water inside Notre Dame cathedral.

Picture: Benoit Moser/BSPP/APBC

blaze that tore through the historic cathedral.

The combination of a structure that is more than 850 years old, built with heavy

timber construction and soaring open spaces, and lacking sophisticated fire protection systems led to flames spreading quickly. This jeopardised

the entire cathedral before firefighters brought the blaze under control.

Meanwhile, two of France's richest men, long locked in a

public rivalry, are once again pitted against each other — this time over flashy and competing donations to rebuild Notre Dame.

Billionaire luxury tycoons Bernard Arnault, 70, and Francois Pinault, 82, are among France's fiercest business competitors and patrons.

Their rivalry reached dramatic heights yesterday when it was announced that Mr Pinault, his son, and their company, Artemis, would immediately donate €100m to help finance renovations to Notre Dame.

Hours later, Mr Arnault shot back with an announcement that he, his family, and his luxury company, LVMH, would pledge double that amount for the restoration of the cathedral that was immortalised in Victor Hugo's 1831 novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, an eternal story of obsession and jealousy.

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National day for mother and baby home residents

AN ANNUAL national commemoration day to remember former residents of mother and baby institutions could be introduced here as part of a series of recommendations set out by a consultative group.

It comes as the Government announced a number of measures it is implementing following the report from the collaborative forum of mother and baby home survivors.

The Government will make "real progress" of health and well-being measures which will be brought for approval in September.

There will also be changes to adoption legislation, a memorialisation programme, and a research project on language and terminology.

Among the 44 recommendations is to erect a national monument in Phoenix Park to commemorate the mothers and children.

Children's Minister Katherine Zappone said the initiatives will make "real progress".

Terri Harrison, who was a resident in the former mother and baby home at Bessborough in Cork, said the announcement has given her "great hope".

"Hundreds of women have been waiting for some 70 years for this day to have their voices heard," said Ms Harrison.

"I did not think I would live to see this day, ever."

She was 18 years of age when her son was adopted against her will when he was a few weeks old.

"This is a day for us. I believe this day has given us great hope."

"We never survived, we are not survivors, we are surviving. We have learned coping skills and to live with our bereavement."

"When our children were taken from us we had to learn to live with that."

The Coalition of Mother and Baby Home Survivors estimates that around 35,000 women and girls went through nine mother and baby homes between 1904 and 1996.

Broadband plan could cost €3bn

The roll-out of the National Broadband Plan would cost in the region of €3bn, the Taoiseach has said.

Leo Varadkar said the Government needed to spend "a little bit more time" before it could make a decision on whether to award a contract for the multi-billion euro project.

Only one bidder remains in the process for the contract to deliver high-speed broadband to more than 540,000 homes across the country.

"The Government needs to spend a little bit more time before we can bring a decision to cabinet on this," Mr Varadkar told the Dáil yesterday.

He said the cost of the project "could be in the region of €3bn, albeit spread over 25 years".

The Taoiseach had previously indicated a decision would be made before Easter.

"We want to do this, we want to do it right and before we bring a decision to Cabinet, we want to make sure there is no better alternative," he said.

It is almost four years since the tender process began. The cost of the project was originally estimated at between €355m-€512m, but earlier this year Mr Varadkar said the cost may end up being "many multiples" of that.

In the Dáil yesterday, the Taoiseach maintained that the original cost estimate of €500m was for a "very different project", one designed to deliver fibre to 11,000 villages but not all rural areas.

"It's important to point out on every occasion that it's a different project," he said.

"Bringing fibre to villages of Ireland is not the same as bringing fibre to 540,000 homes farms, businesses in rural areas."

"It is quite a different project."

On Monday, Communications Minister Richard Bruton confirmed that the matter would not be brought before Cabinet before Easter.

Mr Bruton said it was not a cheap investment and the Government had to determine whether it was an investment they were willing to make.

A cut above: Evan gets top treatment in car

A BARBER'S selfless gesture for a customer with autism is continuing two years after it captured people's imagination around the world.

Evan O'Dwyer's anxiety had prevented him from leaving the car for a haircut during a tough day back in 2017. Nonetheless, Donncha O'Connell, from the Baldy Barber in Blackpool, was determined not to let Evan miss out and opted to carry out the appointment in the family vehicle instead. The teenager hasn't needed to leave his car for an appointment since. His mum Deirdre said this has made huge improvements to his anxiety.

The now famous photograph of Evan having his hair cut in the car went viral two years ago and even appeared on US news network CNN. It had initially been posted on Facebook as a means to publicly thank Donncha.

Evan and Donncha's friendship continues offline too.

"He's been getting his hair done in the car for two years now," said Donncha.

"I know how important it is to Deirdre that Evan feels calm and secure. You can see how much he means to both of his parents. His happy place is the car so I'm glad to be able to make life that bit easier for both of them. Routine is so important to Evan and if having his hair cut in the car each time makes him feel comfortable then we are more than willing to do that."

He spoke of his admiration for Evan's parents.

"When they come in here all they talk about is Evan. You can tell he means the world to them. Deirdre likes to see Evan well presented. She likes him to be cleanly shaven so it's just as much for her as it is for Evan."

Donncha would like to see more barbers adapt to cater for children and adults with special needs.

"People with special needs should be treated equally, if not better than everyone else," he said. "We need to be doing everything we can to make the lives of parents of kids with special needs easier. This is just 15 or 20 minutes out my day. Deirdre has to deal with the difficulties of autism 24/7."

Donncha fears that many businesses are fa-



Evan O'Dwyer having his hair cut by Donncha O'Connell from the Baldy Barber in the back of his mother's car, which she described as his 'happy place'.

■ Sarah Horgan

vouring excessive health and safety policies over helping others.

"The Baldy Barber is a real old world barbers. We like to treat our customers well."

Deirdre said that having a kind barber has made a huge difference in their lives.

"We never know what form Evan is going to be in and this can present extra challenges,"

she said.

"He's also non-verbal, making it difficult to express himself. Last Thursday we had a rough time with Evan but he is so relaxed with Donncha."

"There are not many barbers that would get into the back of a car with someone with special needs. It just goes to show what a lovely person he is. Evan can have very challenging behaviour so these little things go a long way to making our lives easier."

Lidl refused planning for a Douglas store

■ Roisin Burke

Lidl has been refused permission for a new supermarket in the centre of Douglas.

The planning application by the supermarket chain has been rejected for a second time by An Bord Pleanála.

Cork County Council gave the go-ahead last year for a new supermarket to be located at Barry's Field along with five two-bed apartments, offices and a cafe and almost 100 parking spaces, 30 bicycle spaces and 10 motorbike spaces.

However, An Bord Pleanála yesterday overturned this decision citing a number of reasons

including that the development would be "visually dominant and out of character" with the surrounding area and would negatively affect other applications in "adjoining lands."

The project would also be "contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area." Local Sinn Féin councillor Eoghan Jeffers said he is heartened by the "sensible decision" to reject the planning application for the prominent site between Carrigaline Road and

Churchyard Lane in the heart of Douglas village.

"There was a number of objections in the community and this is one of the last pieces of land, centrally located, in Douglas."

Mr Jeffers said that he was also delighted that the taxi-rank on the Carrigaline road, in front of the site, was safe, something that had been in doubt with the Lidl development planning application.

He said he felt the Douglas area had lost some of its character in recent years and what this plot needed was community centred facilities. "I would welcome a park or a skate park in that area,"

Mr Jeffers said. "However if further commercial development was favoured for the site, I would be looking for a mixed-use building that had a more balanced scale."

Local Labour Party representative Peter Horgan said the rejection of the planning application was a "great result" for those who fought against the supermarket proposal in Douglas Village.

Mr Horgan said that he hoped that with the area moving into the city, there would be a new opportunity for the city council to make their mark on Douglas with an innovative plan for the site.

Waterford woman pleads guilty to 100th offence

A Waterford woman with 99 convictions pleaded guilty to her 100th offence where she and two men filled a shopping trolley in Cork with more than €500 worth of groceries and stole them.

Philomena Harty, of 9 The Anchorage, The Quay, Waterford, admitted the theft committed at Tesco in Wilton shopping centre.

Inspector Seán McCarthy said: "On November 9, 2018, at 5.30pm the defendant and two males entered the shop and the left with €505 worth of groceries in a trolley."

The inspector said that 14 of her previous

convictions were for theft and one was for burglary. The stolen property was recovered outside the Tesco and was re-saleable, he said.

Despite the previous convictions she never received an actual jail sentence.

Judge O'Leary asked: "Why would she stop when she is not getting custody." Defence solicitor, Eddie Burke, said: "To be fair she is from Waterford." As the solicitor paused for breath, Judge O'Leary remarked: "That is not an excuse." Amid laughter in the courtroom, the solicitor said: "That did not come out right." Judge O'Leary said it appeared that

she had tested the boundaries in Waterford and was now visiting Cork to steal from shops where she would not be known.

Mr Burke said Philomena Harty had genuine connections in Cork and had legitimate reasons for visiting and spending time in the city. Mr Burke said he was aware of background reports prepared recently for a court in Waterford. Judge O'Leary put sentencing back for a fortnight in yesterday's case so that these reports could be put before Cork District Court in advance of sentencing for the Wilton theft.

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70 bags of rubbish dumped at halting site on Monday night



Councillor Ken O'Flynn, at Spring Lane, where 70 bags of rubbish were dumped on Monday night.

CCTV may identify Spring Lane fly-tipper

CORK City Council is examining CCTV footage to determine who dumped 70 bags of rubbish at the entrance to Spring Lane halting site on Monday night.

The bags of domestic waste, including food waste, beer cans, animal feed bags and other items, were left on the road at Spring Lane, just off the North Ring Road, between 8.45pm and 10pm.

On Tuesday morning, city council litter wardens began clearing the mess and will now go through every single bag to find clues as to the identity of the fly-tippers.

Local councillor Ken O'Flynn said the road was rendered "impassable" due to the volume of rubbish.

■ Rob McNamara

He has called on the perpetrators to be "named and shamed".

"It was a pure act of brazenness. This is poking a finger in the eye of Cork City Council and the people of Spring Lane and Ballyvolane," he told *The Echo*.

"These people deserve to be prosecuted, named, and shamed, and maximum fines need to be imposed on these people. The message has to go out there that it's not alright to dump anywhere in Cork city."

A €53,000 clean-up of a large, vacant site on Spring Lane was carried out by Cork City Council in April and March. The site is now secured and CCTV footage has been installed in the immediate area, but fly-tippers have con-

tinued to dump on the fringes of Spring Lane.

Earlier this month, *The Echo* reported how a dumper who fly-tipped at the Northside for Business campus, next door to Spring Lane, had been caught on camera and their details passed onto the authorities.

A number of prosecutions regarding dumping at Spring Lane are expected to come before the courts this year.

Bylaws passed by City Hall last month now afford local authority officials the power to investigate and pursue prosecutions against households that don't have proof they are using approved waste collection services.

Householders without waste contracts or receipts from civic amenity sites face fixed fines of €75, while proven fly-tippers will be prosecuted and may face fines of up to €2,500.

Glanmire soccer centre funding left in limbo

ALL Government capital funding to the FAI will be withheld, it has been confirmed, placing further question marks over the construction of a provincial soccer centre in Glanmire.

The Echo reported this week that Sports Minister Shane Ross had said no funding would be provided to the football association until issues regarding corporate governance and finances are addressed.

Two members of the FAI board, honorary secretary Michael Cody and honorary treasurer Eddie Murray, resigned from the board on Monday night with the remaining members indicating they will now do the same.

The association's executive vice-president John Delaney has also offered to step aside from his role in the fall out from revelations surrounding a €100,000 loan he gave to the association in 2017.

The planned €10m Glanmire Centre of Excellence — a joint project between the FAI and Friends of the Rebel Army Trust (FORAS) with Cork City FC as anchor tenants at a site in Brooklodge — is reliant on approximately €5m of Government funding in order to go to construction.

However, the funding is being pursued through the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund — a scheme administered by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The application was lodged last week but a decision is not due until November, which presents hope that the FAI can get its house in order to satisfy fund approval.

"With regard to future allocations under the Sports Capital Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, I will be closely monitoring developments on corporate governance and the conditions which must be met before Sport Ireland's funding to the Association is reinstated," Minister Ross said at a Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport on Tuesday.

"In this regard, no new capital payments will be made by my Department to the FAI until I am satisfied with the new measures put in place," he added.

Extra info needed to secure funding

A REQUEST for additional information regarding the plans for the Dockyard in Passage West has been sent to the County Council from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The council had been granted €1.9m from the Government last November to buy the docks from the Doyle Shipping Group for a regeneration scheme.

However, in February Doyle Shipping Ltd decided to withdraw the site from sale, leading to the request for additional information from the Department. The dockyard had been earmarked by the Council for a major rejuvenation project.

Senior Executive Officer of the Municipal District Jim Molloy said the department want the council to bring more information to them on the proposal as there is a change in what the council were actually funded for: "The withdrawal of the dockyard from sale, changes the timeline, so they just need a firmer idea of what the goal is and how long we are extending the funding for."

Local councillor Marcia D'Alton described this was a very positive response.

"I was concerned that the Dept would take the money and tell us to consider applying for funding at another date but instead they have asked us to justify hanging onto the money," she said. "It is the best we could have hoped for, it is not ideal, but it is not an ideal situation."

In terms of Doyle Shipping and their decision to hang onto the Passage Dockyard, Ms D'Alton said she was "very hopeful" that the company would change their mind about not selling.

"I would be hopeful that Doyle Shipping Ltd would do better elsewhere and that they would be happy to sell to a willing buyer. I would be hoping for a sale in the short term as opposed to the long term."

Prostitution suspected as 200 condoms found in woods

MORE than 200 condoms were discovered in the woods near Cork's famous Atlantic Pond walkway leading to suspicions that it may be a hotspot for prostitution.

Fine Gael Councillor Des Cahill was volunteering with the Blackrock Clean Up group when he made the discovery in the woods near the Atlantic Pond walkway. The group removed a tent and sleeping bags which Cllr Cahill suspected were being used for unsavoury activity. He expressed concern at the numerous baby wipes and beer cans littering the area. "All the evidence pointed to activity of a sexual nature," he said. "It was clear this tent didn't belong to a homeless person.

Whoever was using this was doing so for their own purposes.

"Anecdotally and historically this area would have been considered a place used for prostitution. This is clearly a meeting place of sorts. It's unacceptable that people are using a public amenity for this type of activity."

He and the group were disgusted by the discovery.

"When I saw the condoms on the ground I felt nauseous," the Cork South East councillor said. "We all felt nauseous. This was at 10am on a Saturday morning. There were a lot of people from the community taking part in the clean up, including small children. We knew it wasn't safe to dispose of this

material ourselves. This was a job that would have to be done in protective clothing and with the necessary precautions.

"We had to move on, especially considering there were young children there."

Cllr Cahill has since raised the issue with City Council's environment department. "We needed to find a proper crew who were suitably attired for this kind of job," he said. "At the very least this is bio-hazard waste. My biggest concern is that there may be needles there as well which could present a serious danger to the public."

The former Lord Mayor previously voiced concern after seeing a drug user heat up heroin

in the City Hall's car park. At the time the councillor said it was regrettable drug use is creeping into daily life in Cork.

"My concern isn't just about improving the view of the city, there is also a public safety element to this. Unfortunately, drug use has become part of modern life in Cork.

"My heart goes out to that gentleman. His behaviour wasn't aggressive or intimidating. Nonetheless, I also have a responsibility to the public who he is putting at risk."

Cllr Cahill praised the work of the blackjack Clean Up Group for their dedication to maintaining their community.

Elections may get Brexit boost

THE shock of Brexit and all that came with it will lead to greater engagement from the public in the upcoming European Parliament elections, according to one of the candidates for Ireland South.

Labour's Ireland South MEP candidate Sheila Nunan is one of 23 in the region.

"There's a big field of candidates," said Ms Nunan. "That'll make for a very exciting election."

■ **Darragh Bermingham**

Since 2016, Brexit has dominated headlines across the UK and here in Ireland with uncertainty over exit dates and timelines.

The issue has now been delayed until October 31 after originally being scheduled for March.

If the UK has not left the EU by the time of the elections on May 24, there will be four seats up for grabs in Ireland South and Midlands North west, and three in Dublin.

Ireland had been allocated two extra seats in the European Parlia-

ment because of Brexit, with one each going to Ireland South and Dublin.

"We're confident that people are more engaged because of Brexit," said Ms Nunan, former General Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation and President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

"Hopefully, there is a higher level of interest because Irish people like Europe and I think at the end of the day, they will want to see European parliamentarians that will fight the corner for Europe.

"We're not looking to leave, we're

looking to make Europe work a bit better for us. I think people have been shocked at what they've seen going on in the Brexit debate, it will make them focus on what we want from our TDs in Europe so to speak.

"I think it will be great that there will be this level of interest so maybe that's a small silver lining of Brexit for the Irish electorate; that they will now be looking seriously at what we want out of Europe."

The importance of being Brexit ready as a country has cross political divides, according to Ms Nunan.

"I think there is pretty much a con-

sensus right across the political spectrum in terms of trying to make sure that people are Brexit ready," she said. "I think the government are very clear about the backstop position.

"I think that there is undoubtedly, from what I'm hearing in the constituency, a range of anxiety particularly from people in the farming sector and small business sector, people who are relying on supply chains."

"They're breathing a sigh of relief in the short term and everybody is living with a degree of hope that it won't be a hard Brexit."



Roisin Shortall, TD; Evie Nevin, Social Democrats local election candidate for Clonakilty-Skibbereen, and Catherine Murphy, TD.

Call to fund councils to take in charge estates

■ **Roisin Burke**

FUNDS to take in charge neglected estates are being called for by Social Democrats candidate for Clonakilty-Skibbereen, Evie Nevin.

Ms Nevin has hit out at central Government and Irish Water for making it difficult for councils' legal obligation to be followed through, thanks to a lack of funding.

"West Cork is littered with neglected estates that the county council is legally obliged to take in charge if requested to do so," said Ms Nevin. "Some of these estates are in shocking condition and residents are in limbo, even having to pay for the provision of street lighting, road repairs, and liability insurance. This is a form of double taxation because occupants are already paying the household tax.

"If the majority of residents in an estate request it in writing to their local council the council is legally obliged to take that estate in charge.

"However, central Government funding is not being

made available for the process. Even when funding is available the council cannot take estates in charge until Irish Water agrees to take sewage and water into its care."

Ms Nevin said that Irish Water is making it difficult for estates to be taken on by frequently refusing to take charge of sewage and water until residents have done costly tests and even demanding major work to be done.

"While out canvassing in West Cork, many residents, particularly low-income families who are renting and pensioners, are feeling under pressure to contribute to the fees in housing estates," she said. "Those who are unable to pay feel embarrassed and feel with rents being so high that maintenance fees should be included in their rent."

Ms Nevin said that Social Democrats leaders Catherine Murphy and Roisin Shortall will be looking at the issue of taking estates in charge.



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National weather outlook

TODAY

It is going to be a dry day with plenty of cloud. Ulster will be overcast for much of the day before some late sunshine in the early evening. The rest of the regions will start the day overcast, before the cloud lightens as time goes on. Moderate southeasterly winds. Max temp 13-16C (55-61F).

TONIGHT

There will be some later sunshine for Ulster and Connacht before it turns dark. There will then be light variable cloud through the night for all the regions. It will remain dry. There will be some mist for Ulster in the early hours. Moderate southwesterly winds. Min temp 7-10C (45-50F).

TOMORROW

Dry with plenty of sunshine and few clouds. Ulster will see the most cloud during the day, with heavy cloud in the morning and afternoon, before allowing for some late sunshine. The rest of the regions will have few cloud and plenty of sun. Moderate southwesterly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F).

SUN AND MOON TODAY

	rises	sets	rises	sets
Sun	06:21	20:28	Moon	17:46 06:07

MOON PHASE

Full Moon
19 April

EXTREMES

Warmest	Belmullet	16C (61F)
Coldest	Altnahinch Filters	5C (41F)
Wettest	Johnstown Castle	0.59 inches

HIGH TIDES TODAY

	time	height	time	height
Galway	04.19	4.9m	16.47	5.1m
Limerick	05.53	5.8m	18.27	6.0m
Cobh	04.32	3.9m	16.59	3.9m
Waterford	05.19	4.5m	17.48	4.5m
Dublin	10.52	4.0m	23.24	3.9m
Belfast	10.17	3.5m	22.53	3.3m

IRELAND YESTERDAY

	readings at 12noon	condition	°C	°F
Belfast		drizzle	9	48
Birr		fair	12	54
Cork		fair	11	52
Dublin		cloudy	9	48
Kilkenny		fair	11	52
Rosslare		fair	10	50
Shannon		fair	12	54
Valentia		fair	14	57

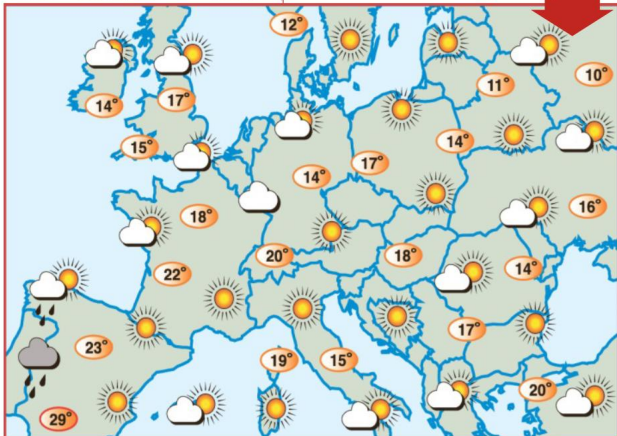
EUROPE TODAY

Dry with sunny spells for much of central Europe but cloudy with showers for the Low Countries and western Germany. France and Iberia will be mostly dry and sunny but it will be wet in Portugal and western Spain. Cloudy with showers for the Balkans and eastern Europe. Mostly sunny in Scandinavia.

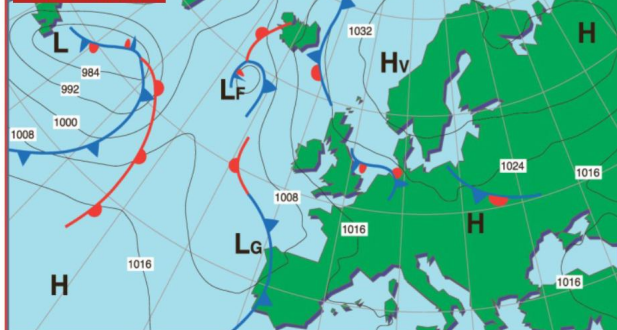
EUROPE OUTLOOK

Tomorrow will be dry and mostly sunny for Scandinavia, France, Germany, Italy, the Low Countries and parts of eastern Europe. However, there will be showers in Iberia and the Balkans. The rest of the week looks set to be mostly dry and sunny in the north but unsettled with showers in the south.

The Echo Holiday Hot Spots



Atlantic situation



The Gilroy family from Cloyne, aim to improve their health and fitness on Doctor in the House. The couple had been caring for their mothers which lead them to neglect their own health.

TV doctor on call to home in Cloyne

■ Jack Squibb

The series finale of Doctor in the House is to be broadcast on Virgin Media tonight, with a couple from Cloyne aiming to improve their health after they had to put their lives on hold to care for their mothers.

Doctor in the House sees a host of health and fitness experts turn up at households across the country, where they will assess families and then set them on an eight-week programme tailored to improve their fitness.

In episode six, Peter and Catherine Gilroy will welcome the experts into their home in Cloyne to help improve their health and fitness that they put on hold while caring for their own mothers who both recently passed away.

Dr Nina Byrnes, Dr Sinead Beirne, Professor Niall Moyna and nutritionist Daniel Davey assess the couple's health and fitness over the course of a week and then give them eight weeks to improve on their unhealthy habits.

Peter and Catherine put their lives on hold to care for their mothers and realised that this had resulted in them neglecting their own health. The couple who have three children Sarah, Roisin and Peadar, open up about their unhealthy habits and what else has been holding them back from living a healthier lifestyle. We also see how Peter and Catherine deal with the recent loss of both of their mothers while sticking to the programme designed to get their health back on track.

Doctor in the House is set to show the ups and downs of the Gilroy's progress as they follow the fitness and health programme given to them by the experts.

By the end of the final episode of the series, the experts will return to Cloyne to re-assess Peter and Catherine. The reassessment will reveal if the couple's eight weeks of hard work have paid off.

You can watch the couple's bid to improve their health and fitness on the series finale of Doctor in the House on Virgin Media tonight at 9pm.

Kinsale gears up for 30th classic car show

More than 100 classic cars will cruise the streets of Kinsale next month, during the annual Vintage Rally. It is now in its 30th year, and will take place from May 10 to 13.

The event was launched in the Blue Haven Hotel, the main sponsor for more than a decade, and a sample of the vintage cars was displayed.

The rally is one of the premier events on the Irish classic car calendar and will draw vintage car enthusiasts from all around Ireland and further afield.

Following the twinning of Kinsale with the Welsh town of Mumbles, in 1990, the Kinsale Vintage & Classic Motor Club (KVCMC) also twinned with the town's own car club, The Swansea Historic Vehicle Register (SHVR).

Because of this, SHVR members make the trip to Kinsale every year for the May rally, and, in turn, every July, the KVCMC takes the trip to Swansea.

The KVCMC was founded in 1988 by a group of classic car enthusiasts, and has since grown to more than 100 members.



Luke and Rian Moynihan, Belgooly, in a Citroen DS23 at the Kinsale Vintage Rally launch at the Blue Haven Hotel. Picture: John Allen

Benefits outlined by local election candidate Horgan



Labour's Peter Horgan says he has got positive feedback on his proposal to extend The Marina.

Picture: Dan Linehan

Calls for extension of Marina to city centre

Cork's riverside Marina should be extended to link directly with the city centre.

■ Jack Squibb

That's the view of Labour election candidate Peter Horgan who said an uninterrupted link between Blackrock and city centre would be hugely positive for residents and visitors to Cork.

Currently, The Marina runs from the Shandon Boat Club to Blackrock. Mr Horgan said that when it was originally constructed,

The Marina ran directly into the city.

Developments such as the ESB power station and Dunlops factory have prevented an uninterrupted walkway.

The local election candidate has discussed the topic with Blackrock residents and the ESB for some time and the positive feedback has encouraged him to believe it would be a great benefit to the city.

"This can be a huge boom to tourism for

those who visit Cork city to bring them out along The Marina directly," he said.

"Coupled with an expansion of the public bike scheme it would be a vote of investment not only in Blackrock but would signify a real commitment to kickstarting the long-awaited Docklands project and Marina Park project," he said.

Mr Horgan's call for an extension of The Marina was inspired by historian Diarmuid Ó Drisceoil who details the history of the Marina in his book, *The Ring of Blackrock*.

General practice model is at risk of collapsing

■ Darragh Bermingham

GENERAL PRACTICE could collapse if the number of GPs on the verge of retirement actually depart the service in the coming years, a Cork GP has warned.

Youghal GP, Dr Declan Mathews said that while the new GP deal will have a positive impact, he added that it will be a few years before GP numbers increase.

In the meantime, there are 700 GPs across Ireland due to retire in the next three to five years.

Dr Mathews said that even with the positive outcomes associated with the new deal, the effects will take time to filter through to recruitment and retention.

"It will take time; we only train 200 GPs in Ireland a year.

"Two hundred every year at the moment is not solving the problem, particularly because many are leaving anyway.

"The hope is now that they will choose to stay," he added.

"It might also mean that people who were thinking of maybe coming back from abroad will actually do that.

"Unfortunately, there appears to be nothing in the new deal to persuade a few older GPs to stay on a bit longer which would help plug those gaps until we can train more GPs and attract more back from abroad.

"I certainly wouldn't consider staying on any longer and there are around 500 GPs across Ireland in the same position.

"Something should have been done to keep the GPs who are close to retirement in the system for a bit longer to avoid it collapsing completely.

"If they retire when they're supposed to, with the situation as it is at the moment, the system could collapse," warned Dr Mathews, who added the new deal, which may include free GP appointments for under 12s, was "struck with an election in mind".

"If under 12s are brought into the free GP scheme and the out-of-hours service continues to not be supported, the likes of SouthDoc could collapse under the workload."

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NEW STRATEGIES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS FOLLOWING EXAMPLE OF OTHERS



Graham Clifford, Dr. Dermot Kavanagh, Director of the Cork Simon Community, Hilary Melton, and Professor Nicholas Pleace outside the Imperial Hotel for the Simon Communities of Ireland conference, 'The Way Home'.

Pictures: Clair Keogh



Some of those at the Imperial Hotel for the Simon Communities of Ireland conference.

Conference calls for investment to tackle issue of homelessness

ATTENDEES at a conference held in Cork have learned about new strategies to prevent homelessness, learned by studying what other nations have done.

The Cork Simon Community hosted the conference in The Imperial Hotel to launch a new report investigating whether Ireland's issues can benefit from the experience of countries around the world.

Titled "Preventing Homelessness: A Review of the International Evidence", the report shows what other nations are doing and how those methods can be incorporated in Ireland.

"The international evidence base on prevention is not perfect," the report found. "However, there is evidence that services that are flexible and which provide support by working to develop the right mix of support for people threatened by homelessness, which are well integrated with homelessness, health, housing and other services, tend to work best."

■ Jack Squibb

"General social policy should be designed to minimise the risk that homelessness occurs by reducing the chances of experiencing extremes of poverty and by ensuring access to support and treatment when someone requires medical or personal care."

"Countries that have achieved success with prevention have focused on homelessness specific services that are designed to deal with imminent homelessness, working in combination with rapid rehousing and support systems that can deal quickly with homelessness when it does occur."

The Cork Simon Community invited speakers from UCC, the University of York and Executive Director from American mental health charity Pathways Vermont.

Professor Nicholas Pleace from the University of York reviewed international evidence of successful homelessness prevention in other nations, while Executive Director of Pathways Vermont Hilary Melton



Two homeless people sleeping rough just off the South Mall. Picture: David Creedon

discussed the work that they do in finding homes for those on the streets.

The topic of drugs and alcohol and how it affects the homeless throughout Europe was discussed by Cork Simon Community spokesperson Dermot Kavanagh, while UCC lec-

turer Joe Finnerty spoke of the same issue in relation to Ireland.

The report highlights key areas where there can be improvements to the service provided to the homeless, with three key elements singled out.

The conference heard that there is

a clear need for investment in more social and affordable housing nationwide.

There is also the need for integrated preventative homelessness services like rapid re-housing and more mental health support for those struggling with housing issues is also crucial.

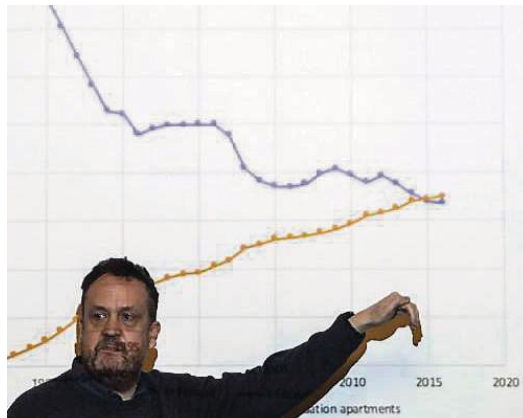
Speaking about the conference and the new report, National Simon Community spokesperson Paul Sheehan said: "As this report highlights, it is essential that prevention be part of an integrated homelessness strategy, and for it to be effective, it must have the flexibility to adapt to people's needs."

"Homelessness and housing insecurity is traumatic, stressful and unfair, but we know that people can avoid homelessness when provided with the right supports."

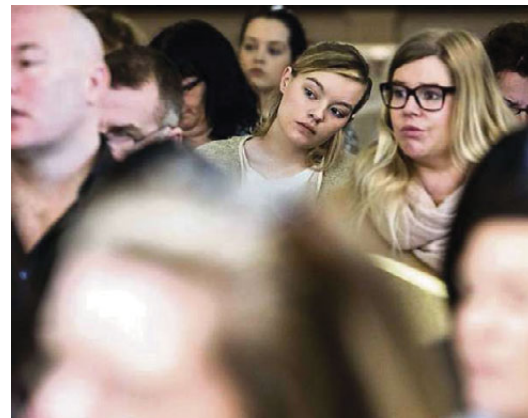
"We must heed the lessons learned from other countries in tackling homelessness: stopping it from happening is the best way to avoid the very great human and financial costs that can accompany this extreme form of poverty and exclusion."



Attendees at the Imperial Hotel for the Simon Communities of Ireland conference, 'The Way Home'.



Professor Nicholas Pleace, Director and Professor of Social Policy, University of York.



'The Way Home' featured national and international experts presenting solutions and experiences around homelessness.

MEP Clune says establishment of agency is a 'milestone' for freedom of movement

New EU labour body welcomed

A new European Labour Authority (ELA) has been created to make it easier for EU citizens to work in member states, a move that has been welcomed by Fine Gael MEP Deirdre Clune.

■ David Linnane

The establishment of the new agency was approved in recent weeks, with the search on now for a member state to host its permanent headquarters.

It will provide access for individuals and employers to information on their rights and obligations, as well as to relevant services.

The ELA was announced by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in his 2017 State of the European Union address to ensure that EU rules on labour mobility be enforced in a fair, simple and effective way.

The Commission's data shows that cross-border labour mobility has increased, so that in 2017 the figure of EU citizens living or working in member states other than that of their nationality had doubled compared to a decade ago.

Ms Clune, who has been involved in EU cross-border working relations as a member of the Transport Committee, called the setting up of the agency a "milestone" for freedom of movement.

"This organisation will ensure fair mobility for people working in the EU and is another milestone in cross border coordination and cooperation," she said.

"Facing issues in relation to working conditions is a daily reality for millions of citizens, including many in Ireland. Free movement is a founding principle of the EU and the EU rules need to be applied in a fair way. These principles underpin this regulation."

She said that freedom of movement is a foundational element of the EU and more and more citizens are taking advantage of it.

"With the ELA, we are taking a step towards a fair labour market for workers rights which will be guaranteed and protected. The most valued right of Europeans is very often their right to move freely within the EU."

"This free movement is becoming more and more important every day. In 2017, 17m Europeans lived or worked in a member state other than that of their nationality."

"That's nearly twice as many as 10 years ago. On top of that, there are 1.4m cross-border workers, a 40% increase since 2006," said Ms Clune, who added that "2.3m posted workers carry out services in another member state. In addition, 1.4m Europeans commute to another member state to go to work."

Ms Clune noted that more than 2m workers in the road transport sector cross intra-EU borders on a daily basis, including many leaving and arriving in Ireland.

The ELA will be a permanent structure, made up of approximately 140 staff, some seconded from member states and acting as national



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker announced the creation of a European Labour Authority in 2017. Fine Gael MEP Deirdre Clune said 'the most valued right of Europeans is often their right to move freely within the EU'. Picture: Virginia Mayo

liaison officers. It will be steered by a management board, with representatives from each member state and the European Commission. The management board will also include EU social partners and an independent expert appointed by the European Parliament. It will provide national authorities with operational and

technical support to exchange information, develop day-to-day cooperation routines, carry out inspections and, if necessary, settle disputes. It will have an annual budget of approximately €50m.

Labour candidate for Ireland South Sheila Nunan, an experienced trade union official, has called for the

Government to make a bid to host the new agency in Ireland.

However, Employment Minister Regina Doherty has said Ireland has no intention of making a bid, and the EU has expressed a preference for bids from countries that joined in 2004 or after, as they are less likely to already host an agency.

A lot more work going on in Brussels other than Brexit

THANKS to Brexit dominating the news for months, it's been hard to remember that there is a lot more going on in Brussels.

In recent decades, the UK was prone to only ever debating the worst parts of the EU — or at least the worst parts from its perspective.

Ireland was dragged into that conversation in the last few years thanks to protracted negotiation over the backstop.

But that debate has overshadowed the bulk of the work that's happening in the EU.

All of the focus has been on Michel Barnier, his negotiating team, and the various EU

Analysis

■ David Linnane



leaders involved in Brexit.

But the European Civil Service has about 25,000 staff. While some Brexit issue has probably landed on all of their desks over the last three years, their actual priorities

have been very different.

While Brexit might make the union geographically smaller, it's still expanding in other ways, like the ELA (European Labour Authority).

The UK has learned the hard way that the EU wants to protect the Single Market at all costs.

That's built on a foundation of freedom of movement for people, goods, services, and capital.

The ELA is the next step in bolstering that freedom.

Historically, Ireland has relied on emigration for work, and the Single Market has made that a lot easier.

Without the need for visas or an employer to sponsor, we've been able to move and work freely all over the continent.

But though it's possible, it's not always simple, and there can be complications as member states all maintain their own labour laws, benefit systems, and tax systems.

Navigating those can be difficult for workers, and that has the potential to become a bigger issue as the number of people moving for work increases, the rise of more casual working practices like the gig economy continues, and shared markets see more

workers posted to other locations by their employers.

The ELA will seek to smooth out any issues that arise in that changing market, but part of the goal is to keep the Single Market growing.

We have seen other big issues emerge in the last few years where the EU will move in to coordinate action, like the emergence of the digital single market — online companies operating across borders.

So there is a lot more on the EU's plates than the future of one soon-to-be ex-member state, and the European Parliament elections provide a

good opportunity to discuss where the union should go next.

Over the next few weeks, MEP candidates, their parties, and their European groupings will be making their cases to the public.

Whether people are debating the expansion of the EU's military powers or efforts to underpin workers' rights, that these debates are happening at all is a good thing.

Where the UK has got caught up in a shallow, navel-gazing debate about how bad the EU is, Ireland is looking at how much better it could be.

Ní Riada warns against EU army

■ David Linnane

SINN Féin MEP Liadh Ní Riada has warned that the expansion of the EU's defense efforts could "sleepwalk" Ireland into a European army.

The Ireland South MEP was speaking as SINN Féin launched their Defending Irish Neutrality document in Leinster House.

"This document, which outlines the absolute necessity of our neutrality, not just for Ireland but for Europe, stands in stark contrast to the one released by Fine Gael last year, which actively encouraged the creation of an EU Army," she said.

"The threat to Irish neutrality is not an external one. Fine Gael have long been cheerleaders for militarisation in Europe while Fianna Fáil

were only too happy to help whisk PESCO through the Dáil without a proper public debate.

"Sinn Féin is the only party that can be trusted to defend Irish neutrality both at home and in Europe and it's crucial that we do."

"Our neutrality will not only defend Ireland but it acts as a block to the full creation of an EU army, which is why Fine Gael are so opposed to enshrining it in our constitution," she said.

Ms Ní Riada also questioned the government's record on the expansion of the EU's military efforts.

"The increasing militarisation of Europe is also seeing

huge funding needed for vital social and economic programmes being diverted to defence spending.

"In 2017, Fine Gael voted to adopt the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) which signalled an alarming shift in the EU towards militarisation," she said. "Funding of €500 million will be reallocated from other programmes in 2019 and 2020 to fund the EDIDP."

"Worse still, the EDIDP is only the precursor to the much larger European Defence Fund, a €13 billion military funding scheme."

"This is what militarisation means. It has nothing to do with defence but with funding with profit margins for the military-industrial complex."

Cost of mayors could become focus

■ David Linnane

LIMERICK Labour TD Jan O'Sullivan said that the government must review the proposed €130,000 salary of directly-elected mayors or risk losing next month's plebiscites in Cork, Limerick, and Waterford.

Following the launch of Fine Gael's yes campaign in Cork on Monday, she said that the government has failed to communicate the idea effectively and the high cost of introducing the position may put voters off.

"The total cost of the office is €450,000 for the mayor and two special advisors. I am calling on the Minister to clarify why the office will cost nearly half a million euro a year," she said.

"There is a real risk that the cost of the office could become the focal point of the plebiscite and this is due to the Government's failure to meaningfully engage with the public about this proposal."

While she supports the idea, she said that the government's efforts to promote it have been "hamfisted."

"There should be an opportunity for people who will be making this decision to at the very

least attend a town hall-style forum with a representative of the Government," she said. "A media campaign and a few leaflets won't suffice."

However, Fine Gael has announced a series of town hall meetings and workshops, including one attended by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar in City Hall on May 1.

Local Labour candidate for Cork City South-East Peter Horgan said that the office would not be a "panacea" for Cork's local government problems, and councillors will still be key.

"There is one certainty on May 24, the people of Cork will be electing a raft of new councillors for the new expanded city," he said. "These are the people who will be needed straight away to deal with the issues of the city. We must start with a fresh chapter in city hall, not excuses from years gone by."

"A Mayor may help that process, but councillors elected in May must be the change makers."

Fine for cannabis

SUSPICIOUS activity by a young man in a city park prompted gardai to search him for drugs.

Patrick McDonagh, 22, of 1 Inchera Close, Mahon, Cork, was fined on Monday at Cork District Court for having cannabis.

Gda Damien Desmond was at Bishop Lucey Park when he observed Patrick McDonagh acting suspiciously.

Garda Desmond brought him the Bridewell garda station for a search.

He had cannabis herb in a container down the front of his pants.

Judge Olann Kelleher convicted and fined him €300 for the offence.

Bone density scan delay fear as contract privatised

PUBLIC patients in Cork will be unable to access bone density scans in the region for almost two months, *The Echo* can reveal.

■ Darragh Bermingham

initial three-year term. Scans in Cork ceased on Tuesday and will not be "fully operational" in Blackrock until June 4.

A Cork GP told *The Echo* that there are concerns about a possible backlog in scans as a result of the delay.

He added that, while the scan is not necessarily urgent, it seems a strange move by the HSE to outsource what was a public practice to a private company.

"The HSE and Department of Health

have said they're determined to fund and support services in the public for the public yet here they're engaging a private contractor here."

Patients accessing public care in CUH, CUMH or the community will now have to access scans through Global Diagnostics whereas before the service was available in the hospital.

An email sent from the finance department at CUH said Global Diagnostics is an "award-winning managed radiology service provider".

They currently provide managed radiology services across numerous

modalities to 19 HSE sites across Ireland.

The new service will have oversight from both Global Diagnostics and relevant CUH/CUMH stakeholders, according to the finance department.

The new service will be available in Blackrock Hall Primary Care Centre, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork, but will not be "fully operational" until June 4.

However Global Diagnostics will be accepting referrals with immediate effect, according to a statement sent to *The Echo*.

Architect to give Crawford lecture

ANOTHER high profile architect will deliver a lecture in Cork as part of a series being promoted by the Royal Institute of Architects (RIA) Southern Region.

For the final lecture of the series, entitled 'Working with Fragility', William Mann of Sterling Prize-winning architects Witherford Watson Mann will deliver a keynote lecture in Crawford Gallery, Cork, on May 8 at 6pm.

Mann will discuss his studio's work under the theme of working in historical contexts and fragile environments.

Mann studied architecture at the University of Cambridge and Harvard, graduating in 1991. After working on archaeological sites in Rome and Egypt, he gained professional experience in London and Flanders, including at Tim Ronalds Architects.

Since establishing Witherford Watson Mann Architects, he has worked as project director on a range of public projects, including the Whitechapel Gallery, Upper Lea Valley Landscape Strategy, Gistel social housing and Walthamstow Wetlands.

He has written on London's edge landscapes, social engineering, self-build, buildings' nicknames, and the hybrid urbanism of Flanders for *Archis*, *Oase* and other magazines, as well as contributing chapters to several books on the relationship between urban regeneration and social change.

Admission to the event is free but early booking is advised. Tickets are available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/witherford-watson-mann-lecture-tickets-59989564402>.

Man avoids jail in cannabis case

GARDAÍ obtained a warrant to search a house in Mahon and on Monday the man who admitted having cannabis there for his own use was ordered to do 150 hours of community service.

Judge Olann Kelleher said 33-year-old David Ahern, of 6 Ballinsheen Court, could do the community service instead of serving four months in jail. The judge also fined him €500.

Sergeant John Kelleher said: "On August 26, 2018, Garda Conor Egan was in receipt of confidential information regarding possible drug activity at 6 Ballinsheen Court. A warrant was obtained and gardai attended at the property.

"In the upstairs bedroom they located suspected cannabis herb in a glass jar and also suspected cannabis resin in the bedside locker.

"He took full responsibility for the suspected cannabis stating it was cannabis for his personal use. It was valued at €200."

His previous convictions included having drugs for his own use and for sale or supply.

Frank Buttimer, solicitor, said the defendant was now working full time and doing much better than he had been and was pleading guilty at the first opportunity.

Bauhaus store join Haven to share some love with rescued cats

Fur real! Mum and daughter host kitten cuddling party in Cork

■ Sarah Horgan

"KITTEEN cuddling parties" could become the new craze in Cork if an event taking place this Friday is a success.

Ruby Morley from Sunday's Well, and her mum Noelle, are inviting some of their closest four-legged friends to their accessory store Bauhaus in the Cornmarket centre for some "cuddle time" with customers, from 2.30pm to 5pm.

The pair have teamed up with cat rescue centre Haven for the event, which it is hoped will match some kittens with their forever owners.

"It's not a party as such, more of a kitten-cuddling day really," Ruby explained. "Mum and I have always loved cats and have two of our own. We feel this will be great for people living in the city that may not otherwise have a chance to be around pets. It will also be a really feelgood day for the kittens to help get them socialised and used to humans."

The idea behind the event is to give cats who may not have had a great start in life some time and affection.

She stressed that the animals will be taken good care of and allowed naps between "cuddles." Cats will also have the option of quiet time in the event if they seem overwhelmed.

"We brought in some kittens for Black Friday and couldn't believe the reaction," She added. "The people behind Cat Haven will be at the shop too for anyone who would like to get information on the organisation and the great work they do. This will be a really "feel good" event and a great way to go into the weekend. I don't think there's anyone out there who isn't in need of some kitten cuddles."

Cat Haven is based in Crosshaven and homes rescued, stray and abandoned cats and kittens in the Cork area.

They also strive to lower the number of feral cats and kittens by running a Trap Neuter Release programme.

Founder of the charity, Owen Collins said the event will have a sharp focus on the wellbeing of the cats.

"There will be two volunteers to each cat so if any of the cats are feeling overwhelmed or stressed they will be pulled back straight away."

For more information visit CatHaven-Cork on Facebook.



PURRRFECT: Ruby Morley with a kitten ahead of her kitten cuddling day at Bauhaus in the Cornmarket centre.

'Parents feel failure' in perfectionist culture

A CULTURE of picture-perfect parenting causes more than half of Irish parents to feel like they are failing, research has found.

The new global study has revealed that more than half of parents in Ireland feel like they are failing within the first year of parenthood, with mothers more likely to feel this way than fathers.

Research carried out by WaterWipes has found that the picture-perfect portrayal of parenting on social media is disempowering Irish parents.

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The company has launched #ThisIsParenthood, a global project to document the realities of parenting through a uniquely honest lens.

The research found that the feeling of parenting failing stems from a number of sources, ranging from single-minded parenting how-to guides to flawlessly filtered Instagram feeds.

One-fifth of Irish parents surveyed feel that film and TV are key contributors, two-fifths point to advertising as a contributor, and two-fifths believe social media

adds to the pressure to be a perfect parent.

It leaves many parents feeling as though they can't be honest about their struggles due to fear of judgment, with more than half admitting to putting on a brave face rather than being honest about their reality.

Over half of parents in Ireland feel as though they cannot relate to the parenting images they see on social media, with mothers feeling this more than fathers (59% versus 48%).

This theme is replicated by parents across the world, with seven in 10 globally wishing there were

more honest representations of parenting in culture and on social media.

Chartered psychologist and parenting expert Niamh Hannan said: "Irish parents clearly feel under huge pressure to get it right. I'd go so far as to say that there is a cult of perfectionism around parenting."

"When an exhausted parent is feeling that somehow they are not measuring up to others or to their own expectations, what they really need to know is that they are normal."

"Everyone is going to struggle sometimes."

Pelosi leads US fact-finding delegation to Ireland

■ Press Association

US House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi arrived in Dublin yesterday for a four-day visit to Ireland and the North.

She was greeted by Tánaiste Simon Coveney at the Department of Foreign Affairs, ahead of a meeting with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar at Government Buildings.

Ms Pelosi is part of a delegation of high-ranking US politicians on a fact-finding mission. Today, she will address TDs, senators, and former politicians in the Dáil.

Later, the group will meet President Michael D Higgins and the Taoiseach will host a dinner at Dublin Castle in honour of the delegation.

The congressional delegation includes members of the Friends of Ireland caucus, including Congressman Richie Neal. The US politicians are due in the North tomorrow.

In London on Monday, Ms Pelosi said there would be no chance of a US-UK trade deal if there was any weakening of the Good Friday Agreement.

Ms Pelosi is the third most powerful politician in the US.

Speaking ahead of the visit, Mr Varadkar said: "This visit is more evidence of the deep and historic ties between our two countries and is a good opportunity to further deepen US-Ireland bilateral relations."



Tánaiste Simon Coveney yesterday welcomed US House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Richard Neal to Iveagh House for the start of a four-day visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland. Picture: Niall Carson

CE supervisors to strike over pensions

COMMUNITY employment (CE) supervisors who are members of SIPTU and Fórsa trade unions have announced an escalation of industrial action in a dispute about pensions.

CE supervisors and assistant supervisors will engage in five consecutive days of strike action, starting on Monday, May 13.

Union members have also begun a campaign to lobby local and European election candidates ahead of elections in May.

The unions announced the escalation of the industrial action at a press briefing in Dublin yesterday.

The briefing was followed by a rally of union members at Leinster House. Members of both unions travelled from all counties to highlight their 11-year dispute over pensions.

A one-day strike by CE supervisors and assistant supervisors took place in February.

Heroin the most reported problem drug in cases requiring treatment

NEW figures showed that more than 60,000 cases of problem drug use, excluding alcohol, presented for treatment in Ireland between 2011 and 2017.

The number of treated cases increased from 8,361 in 2011 to 9,892 in 2015, and then decreased to 8,922 in 2017.

The latest figures from the Health Research Board (HRB) found that in 2017, opiates, mainly heroin, remain the most common drugs reported among cases treated for problem drug use.

However, the proportion of

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opiate cases has fallen in recent years.

Cannabis, cocaine and benzodiazepines were the second, third and fourth most common drugs respectively reported by cases in treatment in 2017. There was a 32% increase in the number of cocaine cases between 2016 and 2017.

"There has been a notable increase in cases presenting with cocaine as their main problem drug since 2013, with

a marked rise in the most recent figures from 1,138 cases in 2016, to 1,500 cases in 2017," Dr Suzi Lyons, Senior Researcher at the HRB said.

"Cannabis remains the most common drug among cases entering treatment for the first time."

"Four in every 10 new cases were treated for problem cannabis use, many at a young age — the median age for new cannabis cases was 21 years, compared to 32 years for opiates and 28 years for cocaine."



Auctioneer Victor Mee holding a rare first anniversary Irish Proclamation printed in 1917. Picture: Gemma Gilfillan/PA

Rare 1917 Irish Proclamation to sell at auction next month

A RARE first anniversary Irish Proclamation is expected to sell for tens of thousands of euro at auction next month.

It was printed on the first anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. There are just three 1917 Proclamations known to still be in existence. The Proclamation is set to go under the hammer at Victor Mee Auctions in Cavan on May 8.

In 1917, the Proclamation was removed by a member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police at Butt Bridge in central Dublin on orders of the High Sheriff to avoid political unrest. He later gave it to Robert Bradley, a retired sheriff. It was passed on to the McKay family who safely kept the piece for more than six decades, passing it down to the current owner. The current owner, who wishes to remain anonymous said: "The Proclamation was given by the sheriff to my father with the words 'look after this it will be important someday'. 'My father kept it safely over six decades until finally it became my responsibility.'"

The 1917 Proclamations were printed by Cumann na mBan with the original printing blocks used for the original version after they were gathered from the wreckage of the GPO. It has been estimated to sell for €10,000 to €20,000 when it goes under the hammer on.

Parkinson's patients' problems

CONCERNS are being raised over the problems faced by Parkinson's patients in Ireland. Fianna Fáil's health spokesperson says they should not be forced to take to the streets of Dublin or turn to the media to protest for support.

It follows demonstrations outside the Dáil last week and an appearance by members of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland on *Claire Byrne Live* on Monday night.

Stephen Donnelly TD says patients are being forced to travel abroad for treatment options. "Last week I met people with Parkinson's. They were protesting outside the Dáil to try and raise awareness — it was World Parkinson's Day," he said.

"They're dealing with an awful lot. The supports they have available from the State are very little."

"So what we want to see is the proper supports put in place, which should be done and I think could be done quite easily."

"We only have five specialist nurse practitioners in the entire Republic, three of them based in Dublin."

Another ATM theft in North

ANOTHER cash machine has been ripped from the wall of a shop.

A digger was used in the early-morning attack in Market Square in Bushmills, Co Antrim. A number of ATMs have been stolen in Northern Ireland and the Republic this year. Market Square is closed and detectives are investigating.

Police have a specialist team investigating the series of nine thefts.

Retail NI chief executive Glyn Roberts represents small businesses.

He said: "This is a shameful attack on a rural town which was preparing for a busy Easter weekend of visitors and tourists."

"The loss of this ATM means that the local community and tourists will be restricted in accessing cash."

He said every ATM robbery brought rural Northern Ireland closer to being a cash-free zone.

Many Retail NI members are considering removing their ATMs for fear of their shops being smashed up.

He said Retail NI will be meeting the Policing Board on Thursday to discuss the police response and what more can be done.



Prof Amanda Phelan UCD; Tony O'Brien, CEO St Luke's Charity and Home; Bishop Paul Colton President St Luke's Charity and Home and Nora Owen, Northridge House Education and Research Centre, at the St Luke's Charity annual Conference, Enhancing Quality of life in Unrestricted Healthcare Environments held at The Radisson Blu Hotel.

Regulation of Lobbying Act review launched

THE Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD, has launched the public consultation process for the second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 5pm on Friday, May 10. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Commenting on the consultation, Minister Donohoe said: "I am pleased to invite submissions from interested parties as part of my Department's second review of the operation of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

"Given the success of this innovative system, and the high levels of compliance, I am heartened that the work undertaken by both my Department and Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPOC) in building awareness and understanding of the Regulation of Lobbying Act has been successful."

Minister of State Patrick O'Donovan stated: "The launch of this public consultation process as part of the second review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, reaffirms this Government's commitment to the principle that transparency and accountability are vital to maintain the trust of citizens in the legitimacy of the political, administrative and legislative processes."

A paper setting out the background to and details about this review, including where to send your submission, can be found on the consultation page.

Please check the Consultation Privacy Notice for particular information on the use of personal data that this Department will collect as part of this process.

The national Register of lobbying activities is overseen by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

As well as the online register, the website www.lobbying.ie also has a suite of information tools designed to help lobbyists, designated public officials and the public to fully understand the Act and its obligations.

Specialists to gather for cyber security forum

LEADING international cyber security specialists are to convene for a very informative and enlightening Cyber Security Transatlantic Policy Forum.

Industry leaders, policy makers, politicians and law enforcement agencies from the US, Britain and Ireland will gather at The Brehon, Killarney, on Friday, May 10, to share insights and examine available opinions at the inaugural one-day conference.

As well working to improve and expand government, academic and private sector collaborations in cyber security, the event will focus on the latest intelligence on how to safeguard against cyber-attacks.

The keynote speaker will be Sir Rob Wainwright, Senior Partner for Deloitte's Cyber Practice and the former Director of Europol while David Stanton, TD, Minister of State for Equality, Immigration and Integration, will deliver the opening address.

The high-profile event will feature four panel discussions:

- Emerging Trends in Cyber Attacks.
- Deterrence, Detection and Punishment.
- Research and Innovation in Cyber Security
- National Security and Defence

The experts will also ask can intelligence services improve international cooperation to combat critical international cyber security threats? What are the future opportunities for multilateral institutions such as United Nations to implement new international norms and rules in the area of cyber security and how coherent and helpful is existing multilateral cyber architecture?

Registration for the conference is now open and the cost is €195 per attendee.

Bookings can be made online at www.killarneyeconomicconference.com, by phoning 064 776 7181 or emailing info@killarneyeconomicconference.com.

Initiative Ireland secure €1.5m investment

INITIATIVE Ireland (www.initiativeireland.ie), a social impact finance firm specialising in the provision of lower-cost alternative finance loans to experienced developers, has secured a €1.5 million investment.

The investment will support the strategic growth of Initiative Ireland over the next three-years. As part of its expansion strategy the company has also announced the establishment of Initiative Financial Services UK Ltd, the firm's new UK subsidiary. The subsidiary will enable UK investment firms to deploy funds into the Irish property development market. Initiative Ireland was co-founded in 2015 by Padraig W. Rushe, Padraig M. Rushe, and Rory McEntee, and is supported by Enterprise Ireland as a High-Potential Start-Up.

Padraig W. Rushe, CEO, said: "Our offering already enables clients to co-fund secured property loans, leveraging our local lending expertise.

"In addition to the strong demand we've experienced within the Irish market we have had significant interest from the UK, where investors are keen to deploy their funds into euro denominated, institutional grade, Irish property backed loans. Through our new UK subsidiary and the investment secured, we are now in a position to promote our offering in the UK to meet that demand."

The announcement follow on from the recent launch of the Initiative Financial Senior Credit Property Sub-Fund I (The Fund), a sub-fund of The Davy Platform ICAP.

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Stranded whales on Ireland's coastline is a major concern



TOM MacSWEENEY
Maritime Cork

IT STARTED in Irish waters in February when a sperm whale was washed up on Long Strand in West Cork.

"Stranded sperm whales are not an unusual sight," Dr Simon Berrow, chief executive of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, said.

"We have recorded an average of 2.2 per annum in recent years, of which 95% are males. So when a sperm whale was washed up in Cork in February we thought nothing of it."

It was one of several instances of what are described as "strandings" in a week, not an unusual occurrence at this time of year.

But seven dolphins and the sperm whale found dead along the Cork coastline was an "unusually high number in a short space of time" according to Mick O'Connell, stranding officer with the IWDG.

As well as the sperm whale there were common, bottlenose and striped dolphins.

It was the sperm whale stranding which became of particular interest when a sec-



A stranded sperm whale in Sligo. The number of beached whales on Ireland's coastline has increased.

Picture: Irish Whale and Dolphin Group/Colin Gillen

ond, described as "in good condition" was washed up at Magheraarty in West Donegal in late March. A day later the Irish Maritime Squadron photographed another sperm whale floating about 150 miles offshore during a fisheries re-

connaissance flight and sent the pictures to the IWDG for examination. Then a large male sperm whale washed up in Mace Head, Connemara.

It had also been filmed floating off the coast by fishermen out of Ballyconnelly before it stranded and it didn't look to be the one which had been pictured by the Maritime Squadron that had lost all of its skin and was white.

"Now we were seeing something unusual," said Dr Berrow.

When a fourth whale hit the strand at Streedagh, Co Sligo, the IWDG began a more detailed investigation.

"This was a female and that's unusual," the CEO told me this week on my radio maritime programme, *This Island Nation*, where we have been reporting on the number of dead sperm whales found on beaches around the world over the past few months, found with a lot of plastic in their stomachs.

A pregnant sperm whale washed up on a beach in Porto Cervo, a popular tourist destination in Sardinia, Italy, with 49 lbs. (22 kilograms) of plastic in her stomach. Sperm whales with stomachs full of plastic also washed up in Spain and Indonesia. The IWDG contacted colleagues in Scotland with whom they liaise and were told they were examining a female sperm whale on the Isle of Uist.

"This was only the second reported confirmed female sperm whale stranding in the UK in the last 25 years," said Dr Berrow.

"What could be killing only sperm whales?"

"The whales making land-fall in Ireland in March and April were in good condition, not emaciated. There has been huge public interest and speculation. Fisheries by-catch and of course plastic has

been suggested.

"We were only able to examine the sperm whale in Sligo," said Dr Berrow, "and found no evidence of plastic, of collision

with a vessel or trauma. Acoustic trauma caused by active sonar is likely to kill smaller beaked whales such as occurred last August and

September in Ireland and Scotland, not just sperm whales. Was it a bacteria or a virus, which only affected sperm whales?"

The cause of the strandings remains unknown.

"We will probably never know what caused these whales to die, whether this was natural or what we call a 'UME' – an unusual mortality event," Dr Berrow told me.

He suggested that a national procedure should be established, bringing together the resources of local authorities, the Defence Forces, the Coast Guard and the voluntary IWDG, to examine stranded whales.

"A combined effort could learn more about what is happening," he added.

"The sperm whale is considered by many as the largest predator, growing to up to 16 metres and weighing up to 45 tonnes. Off Ireland, sperm whales are quite abundant throughout the year.

"They respond to changes and impacts in deep offshore waters. Let's try and learn as much as we can so we can be informed and make the correct choices in managing our marine waters."

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Cope Community Hub comes to Midleton

THE Cope Foundation officially opened its new Community Hub in Midleton last week.

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- 2. Kealan Cotter, Midleton Community Hub, and Kate Feeney, Cork Sports Partnership.
- 3. Kevin Walkin and Brenda Wall, Focus Programme, National Learning Network.
- 4. Laura Eaton, one-year-old Charlie Eaton, and Lynda Cullinane from Cloyne.
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Brain scan boost to aid brain injury babies

Enhanced MRI techniques are being trialled by doctors with the aim of predicting the long-term outlook for babies who suffer brain injury at birth.

Babies treated for hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy (HIE) currently receive a scan after five days which can show the severity of injury to the brain and is helpful in predicting severe neurological issues such as cerebral palsy.

However, doctors at Southampton Children's Hospital say more subtle problems that may affect children later in life, such as

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school performance, are difficult to identify. A spokesman for the hospital said: "HIE develops when a baby's brain does not receive enough oxygen and blood around the time of delivery.

"Initial treatment for moderate to severe HIE includes therapeutic hypothermia — cooling the baby from 37 to 33.5 degrees for 72 hours — which is delivered on specialist neonatal intensive care units. This improves survival rates and reduces the risk of severe neurological impairment, such as cerebral palsy and severe

developmental delay, but affected babies remain at risk of more subtle problems which can affect school progress and emotional function.

"This is currently monitored through follow-up appointments until the age of five where a range of tests and assessments are performed to determine the a child's level of developmental progress."

Clinicians and scientists at the hospital, led by Dr Brigitte Vollmer, a consultant in neonatal neurology, are extending and adapting the MRI to measure blood flow and neural connections, known as the wiring or map-

ping of the brain.

Dr Vollmer said: "Early evaluation of the severity of HIE is important to guide treatment, advise parents about the future of their newborn child and to facilitate testing of new treatments such as individually tailored early intervention, but current evaluation methods are imperfect.

"We will investigate how non-invasive measurement of tissue perfusion, cellularity and neuronal connectivity using MRI can improve accuracy of the evaluation of the brain injury caused by HIE and how this relates to later neuro-developmental outcomes."



Frode Berg is accused of spying on Russia.

Norwegian man jailed for espionage in Moscow

A Moscow court has found a Norwegian man guilty of espionage and sentenced him to 14 years in a high-security prison.

Retired Norwegian border inspector Frode Berg was arrested in Moscow in December 2017. He was accused of collecting information about Russian nuclear submarines for Norwegian intelligence.

He denies the charges and his lawyer has called him a victim of a set-up. Asked about a possible pardon for Berg, Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week that he would wait for the verdict before weighing up pleas for one.

Orange march rerouted

AN Orange march in Scotland, which was to pass a church where a Catholic priest was spat on, has been re-routed after police warned of potential for significant disorder.

The original route for the Apprentice Boys of Derry (Bridgeton) Easter Sunday parade would have passed St Alphonsus Church, Glasgow, where Father Thomas White was targeted as an Orange walk went by on July 7 last year.

Father White was spat on as he spoke to parishioners outside the place of worship in London Road.

Bradley Wallace was jailed for ten months in February after admitting assaulting the priest. Glasgow City Council re-routed the procession, which will go from Tullis Street to Cathedral Square and back, away from the church, following a meeting on Tuesday.

A council spokesman said: "Members chose to re-route the procession after hearing serious concerns, raised by Police Scotland, about the potential for disorder due to protests and counter-protests from people opposing or supporting the event."

Indonesians vote in election

Around 193 million Indonesians are eligible to vote in a presidential election that will decide who leads a nation which is an outpost of democracy in a region of authoritarian governments.

Their choice on Wednesday is between Indonesia's first president from outside the Jakarta elite, or electing a figure from the era of the Suharto military dictatorship that ended two decades ago.

In the final moves of the campaign, the front-runner, President Joko Widodo, dashed to Saudi Arabia to meet its king and perform a minor pilgrimage.

Mr Widodo is competing against Prabowo Subianto, a former special forces general from the era of authoritarian rule under Suharto.

Shore thing: Dog found at sea back on dry land

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A dog found swimming more than 135 miles from shore by workers on an oil rig crew in the Gulf of Thailand has been returned safely to land.

A worker on the rig belonging to Chevron Thailand Exploration and Production, Vitisak Payalaw, said on his Facebook page that the dog was sighted last Friday swimming towards the platform.

He said they were lucky to spot it because if there had been waves it probably would not have been visible.

The dog made it to the platform, clinging to the support structure below deck without barking or whimpering, Vitisak wrote.

The crew managed to rescue the dog by putting a rope around its neck and hauling it up.

He said the crew speculated it might have fallen off a fishing trawler, and dubbed him Boon Rod, or Survivor.

The dog was delivered by boat on Monday at the southern port of Songkhla and was declared in good shape after being delivered to the animal protection group Watchdog Thailand.

Vitisak said if the dog was unclaimed, he would like to take it to his home in northeast Thailand



An oil rig worker gives water to the dog that was rescued in the Gulf of Thailand. The dog was found swimming more than 220 kilometers from shore and was returned safely to land. Picture: Vitisak Payalaw via AP



This Thursday, April 18 in Kidz Zone we have lots of pictures and news on Scoil Mhaoiliosa Knockavilla Upton, Innishannon

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Win-win for Apple and Cork

The pupils and staff of Terence MacSwiney Community College, Knocknaheeny, and the management and staff of the neighbouring tech giant, Apple, can be very proud of their partnership.

As we reported last week, the school and the local community turned out to see Apple's European vice-president, Cathy Kearney, present the school's third annual MacFactor Awards.

It was a night of celebration, which was appropriate, in the light of all that has been achieved, with 50 students graduating after completing Apple's 'Everyone Can Create' and 'Everyone Can Code' curriculums. They also learned how to use programmes like iMovie and Garage Band.

Apple's collaboration with Terence MacSwiney College began with a donation of iMacs and iPads, and, since 2016, 40 employees have volunteered 1,200 hours to assist with education programmes.

Cathy Kearney expressed delight with the outcomes and with the enthusiasm of the pupils and staff of Terence MacSwiney.

Saying the school had been an amazing partner, she added: "It has surpassed everything we ever expected of it."

Ms. Kearney is right to be proud of Apple's active role in the Cork community for nearly 40 years. As she pointed out, supporting education is one of Apple's core values.

She praised the students for showcasing the 'Everyone Can Create' and 'Everyone Can Code' resources, and the team of Apple volunteers who had helped to inspire the students.

School principal, Phil O'Flynn, said the programme has revolutionised the school's teaching and learning, which is a considerable achievement and contribution by any company to its local community.

Obviously, such an innovative and cutting edge programme creates great opportunities and the pupils of Terence MacSwiney are benefiting.

As their principal said, they are challenging traditional labels of who is creative or not and exploring new dimensions of learning through technology.

The Apple company, and the volunteers from within its ranks, have helped to nurture the young people of the area in which they are based, and to discover the talent within that catchment.

The young people have embraced the technology and the skills to use it.

This is a win both for Apple and for Cork.

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Labour Local Election candidate Peter Horgan calls for a radical overhaul in how we view politics in Cork ahead of the local elections this May — a shrug of the shoulders is not good enough



FOR me, the politics of 'Meh' must come to an end. Many people will frown at this word and wonder what I mean by it. Others will simply dismiss it as another political candidate trying to make a name for themselves in the crowded field for elected office. I believe that it can no longer be acceptable for officials to shrug their shoulders.

City Hall and City Councillors must be judged on action. On too many issues we are hearing excuses to not proceed with new ideas. Whether it is segregated cycle lanes or recyclable bins on the street, it doesn't matter. If we are not to change the way we do things in the public forum and the City Hall, then there will never be change in this city.

'And this is the year for change!' We hear that every election time. Whether it's the Local, General, Presidential election or at your local AGM. Now is the time for change. But what does Change mean really in terms of Cork city and the years ahead?

Many people are sick and tired hearing about the changes planned for under the expansion of the city boundary. Others will never have heard of it and may never pay attention to the fact it is happening until after it is done, if at all.

What we can learn from change is that it happens — whether it be slow or fast, hopeful or destructive. Change is inevitable. There are those who will wish to preserve the status quo to defend their own realms of importance but at one point or another in their lives, change had to occur to bring them to where they are now.

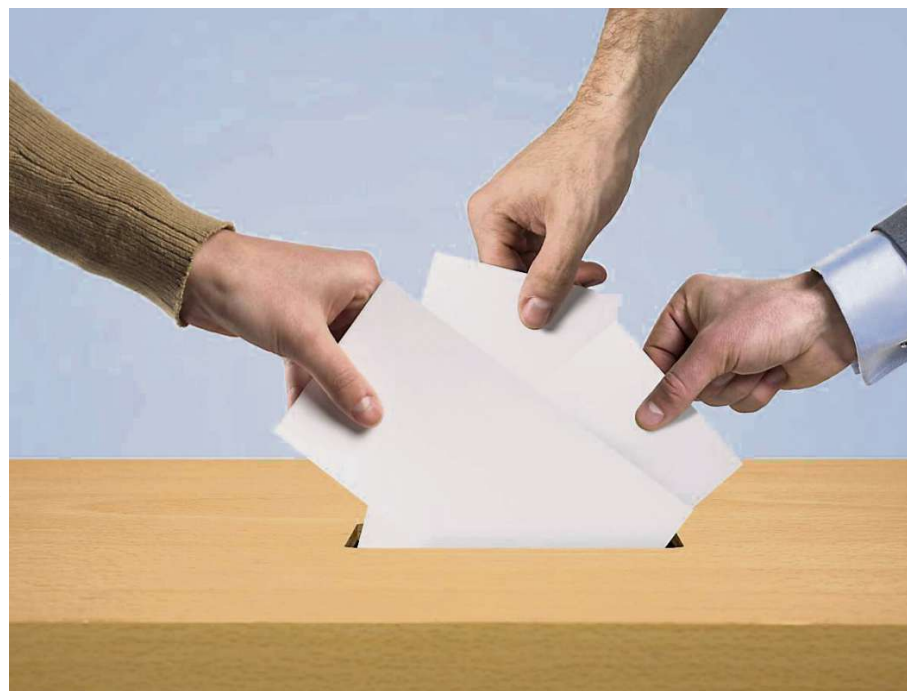
Doors will be knocked and letterboxes tested to their limit in the weeks ahead as the May 24 deadline for candidates approaches. These candidates will form the democratic bedrock of the new expanded council. We cannot continue with a shrug of the shoulders to suggestions and advancements from the people's representatives. There are those who will point to the recent social advances in Ireland through Marriage Equality and the removal of the Eighth amendment as examples of forward moving change in this country but in reality the change was bred on those two issues over decades of work by committed individuals.

That is what Cork needs now. Committed individuals banding together across political lines with a vision to deliver change to the city and its people, not the corporate interests.

There are those who will decry the talk of change. The talk of doing things differently. The talk of hope. Hope can be a dangerous thing. It can break a person's resolve. It can break the resolve of a city, of a nation. Without hope though, what use have we for a city. Are we content to live in a city that sees boardrooms control our destiny? Or do we yearn for a change to some different vision. One where the people's will is implemented. That will can be as simple as the roads fixed and playgrounds provided. It can be as widespread as a fundamental shift in how we treat those who fall on the worst of times. It can go as far as to change the culture of how we interact with each other.

We are entering a time of upheaval in Cork. The expansion brings challenges and opportunities. The crucial piece will be, must be, a desire to do things much differently. To engage with experts. To allow citizens to address Council in a Petitions type system. To establish town hall style forums in the electoral wards on a regular non-party political basis.

We need the politics of action and hope



'We need to ensure the collective response is that for the people,' says Peter Horgan.

These are just some of the political reforms I have proposed. I do not have a monopoly on different ideas — no one does. We have to be able to work together with all parties and none to achieve the common cause of Cork and her people.

The change in attitudes from elected councillors outside of tribal instincts must be brought to bear on officials in the Executive. Everyone in City Hall. Every single person, is there for the betterment of Cork and is there to serve Cork.

There is no doubting in my mind that on an individual basis they do so for the right reasons. But the individual gets lost in the collective. Now is the time to right that imbalance and ensure the collective response is that for

the people.

The fact is that those who defend the status quo were in fact themselves arbiters of change once upon a time.

We need to harness the energy that is seen in advocacy groups in this city like the Cork Cycling Campaign and the enthusiasm shown by Cork students campaigning for Climate Change every Friday afternoon outside City Hall. We need the engagement with the transport experts and architectural masters that live and work in our city and want to see it do well.

This is not an academic exercise in filling pages and ticking boxes. It is, and must be, a new way of working for Cork. If you want that new approach, think hard when you enter the ballot box this May. The future of Cork may depend on it.

■ Peter Horgan is a Labour Party Local Election Candidate Cork City South East Ward



Picture Diary

AT YOUR SERVICE: Some of the staff from Trigon Hotels who received awards for long service and dedication recently. In total, 50 workers received awards for a total of 520 years of service at three Cork hotels — The Metropole, Cork International Hotel and Cork Airport Hotel

Government have failed young generation

I KNOW the challenges facing young people in this country to get a home of their own.

Exorbitant rents and high house prices are making it impossible for people on lower and middle incomes to get a mortgage.

The present Government have failed the young people of this country.

As a society, we must build affordable homes, even timber-framed houses which costs only two thirds of the price of an ordinary house.

We must introduce legislation at national level, even if it means constitutional change to control the costs of zoned lands and VAT and other levies that push up the costs.

We must also open up unfinished houses and boarded-up ones from the so-called Celtic Tiger days, which became the Celtic Snail.

Noel Harrington, Kinsale, County Cork

Three Go Off To The Countryside

*Off they go to the countryside,
Michael, Colin, and Jane
To enjoy a few hours where the cows
reside,
And a nice little picnic tea.*

*The sky light blue and white fluffy
clouds,
Go rolling over the hills
Kent Station is humming with loud,
eager crowds,
Who have yet to learn to sit still.*

Your Letters

*Eager and loud, and bursting with
infancy
'Oh, take us where streams get to
play!'*

*Perhaps for a time they might wonder
at the brilliancy,
Of the countryside on a marvellous
day.*

Owen O'Sullivan, Ballinsheen
Court, Blackrock, Cork

Hospital crisis

YEARS of bad government policy is directly responsible for the crisis in our hospitals.

After a week which saw the highest number of patients on trolleys so far this year, the Government and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar preferred to deflect rather than address the blindingly obvious reality of the crisis and acknowledging

the glaring policy failures of his Government.

Of course, there are always methods and strategies of improving the delivery of patient care. Such strategies must be continuously considered in line with modern practices.

However, it is extremely disingenuous of Mr Varadkar to focus on such issues when the real and overarching problem is Government health policy.

This has resulted in constant fire-fighting in hospitals. The fruits of this are plain for all to see — 81 patients lying on trolleys at Limerick University Hospital. At the start of the month, we also saw Cork University Hospital issue a status black warning due to severe congestion.

You cannot separate the last eight years from where our hospitals are today. The truth is that Fine Gael set about undermining and hollowing out public healthcare as soon as they were elected to government in 2011.

What followed was the implementation of decisions which focused on

severe budgetary cuts and policies that have done nothing to protect and improve frontline care.

Fine Gael have spent the best part of a decade actively undermining and dismantling public health provision in this state, all in the name of privatisation. Fianna Fáil are supporting this agenda by keeping them in government.

Clearly, what we need is a radical change of direction in health policy. Our public hospital system needs to be supported by government, not attacked and undermined.

Liadh Ní Riada, Sinn Féin MEP,
Ireland South

Vital resource

THE INFANT Centre at UCC, in partnership with the Irish Hospice Foundation, this week launched pregnancyandinfantloss.ie, a first-of-its-kind website for Ireland.

A valuable resource for parents who experience pregnancy loss or perinatal death, it provides accessible

information on a sensitive and often stigmatised subject, shares the latest research into the causes of baby loss, promotes emotional wellbeing, and offers details on how to access the appropriate support services.

The website is a step forward in our commitment to consistent quality care for parents, as well as education and support for maternity staff while raising awareness of pregnancy loss and recognising its wide impact.

Supported by funding from the Irish Hospice Foundation, the website is an initiative of the Implementation Group for the National Standards for Bereavement Care Following Pregnancy Loss and Perinatal Death.

The Standards, launched in 2016, defined the care parents and families should receive following a pregnancy loss or perinatal death in all Irish maternity hospitals.

Dr Keelin O'Donoghue, Consultant Obstetrician at Cork University Maternity Hospital and Principal Investigator at INFANT, Ireland's only dedicated perinatal research centre

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What's on TV



GROW-IT-YOURSELF: Karen O'Donohoe and Michael Kelly

Grow, Cook, Eat, RTE1, 8.30pm

In this episode of the grow-it-yourself series, Michael Kelly shows viewers how to grow their own French Beans, while Karen O'Donohoe visits All Together Now, a new festival which takes place in Portlaoise, Co. Waterford, with sustainability as well as art and music at its core.

The pair also go to Tramore Educate Together, who run a social eating programme co-developed by GIY to help children connect with food.

Chef Katie Sanderson makes Beans on Toast — but in a whole new way.

Doctor In The House, Virgin Media 1, 9pm

Peter and Catherine live in Cloyne, Co. Cork, with their three children.

Both have put their health on hold whilst caring for their mothers, who they both sadly

lost recently.

After being assessed by the *Doctor In The House* team, they learn about the harmful effect alcohol and poor diet has had on their health — and the team do their best to put them on the road to recovery.

Killing Eve, RTE2, 9.35pm

In this second episode, Carolyn introduces Eve to her new team before Eve briefs them on the Villanelle case.

Villanelle, needing to lie low while she recovers, finds a Good Samaritan to take her in and care for her.

Eve finds out a secret that Carolyn has been hiding from her.

This second series is proving just as dark and glorious as the first run of *Killing Eve*, and surely it can't be long before both Eve and Villanelle realise that there is power in a partnership — no matter how toxic that may become.

What's on in Cork

LIVE MUSIC

The Gables, Douglas St. Traditional Irish Music Session 9.30pm, adm free

The Gables is home to the "Trad Session" for over 30 years.

The Welcome Inn, Parnell Place Welcome Inn Sessions 9.30pm, adm free

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Reardens, Washington St. The Guilty Judges 10.30pm, admission free

A three-piece pop covers band.

The Oliver Plunkett, Oliver Plunkett St. Jack Ahern 9.30pm, adm free

Up and coming young Cork guitarist.

The Oliver Plunkett, Oliver Plunkett St. Traditional Irish Dinner and Show 7pm, adm free

Upstairs at The Frisky Whiskey Bar — come and experience the amazing The Oliver Plunkett Hooley and take part in the Traditional Irish Dinner.

Dwyers Of Cork, 28 Washington St. Dwyers Traditional Irish Session 7pm, adm free

Authentic trad music session.

Crane Lane Theatre, Phoenix St. Christiana Underwood band 11.50pm, adm free

A night of silky soul jams covering the neo-soul queens and kings of the 90's, to present and Christiana's own works.

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Turn on, tune in, drop out: Slow media could be the way ahead

THOSE of us who are not digital natives, who grew up consuming news from print newspapers and almost stood to attention when RTE's 9pm news came on the television, are feeling a bit swamped by the sheer amount of choice that is on offer online these days.

Now, there is no sacrosanct time of the day or night when the news demands our attention. Instead, it rolls on, 24/7.

But are we actually better informed now, compared to a few decades ago, prior to the digital age we now live in?

One fall-out from technology is that we're rarely still, just sitting quietly with our thoughts. Instead, we are constantly bent over, busily scrolling our Facebook and Twitter feeds and checking our news apps, with maybe the television on in the background.

We are alerted to certain stories that have that click bait thing going on, enticing us to read beyond the sensational headline, even though the material might be quite moronic.

We are suffering from information overload. And it's not doing our heads any favours.

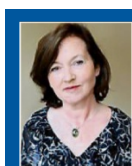
According to research from Pablo Boczkowski, a professor of communication studies at Northwestern University in the US, cited in the *New Yorker* in an article about contemporary media, people are not less informed than before. But they're differently informed.

Young people do not go online seeking out the news. Instead, they come across it by accident, on social media. A post from a news site gets their attention, briefly. They are constantly "being touched, rubbed by the news. It's part of the environment," says Pablo.

The superficial engagement with the topics du jour can lead to false alarms such as the anti-vaccine cohort that is clearly not listening to medical advice, being influenced instead by the hysterical mob.

The Knowledge Illusion: Why We Never Think Alone is a book by cognitive scientists, Steven Sloman

"There is so much noise in the digital world. It invites us to dip in and out, forming superficial impressions and fooling us that they're well informed. But on social media, we're not really paying attention. We're passively consuming news from sources that we may not have actively chosen or researched."



Colette Sheridan

and Philip Fernbach. It deals with the danger of superficial knowledge and explains how our social media-based news outflow leads to unsavoury outcomes in our democracy.

People are given to grossly overestimating what they know and their unjustifiably strong opinions are backed up by other similarly ill-informed people. That leads to an echo chamber, predicated on ignorance rather than facts. It's an illusion of knowledge.

What can be done to counter this scourge? Journalism matters, particularly journalism that engages the reader with analysis and general rigour. But how to get people to invest their precious time in consuming responsible reporting?

Remember the days when breakfast was accompanied by reading the newsprint edition of the paper, delivered daily to the door with milk? If you don't remember, then you're hardly going to bemoan the fast nature of media these days. But there is another way.

In 2010, a document called *The Slow Media Manifesto* was published by three Germans with backgrounds in media and technology. It called on journalists and readers to draw inspiration from the Slow Food movement with its emphasis on quality and knowledge of provenance.

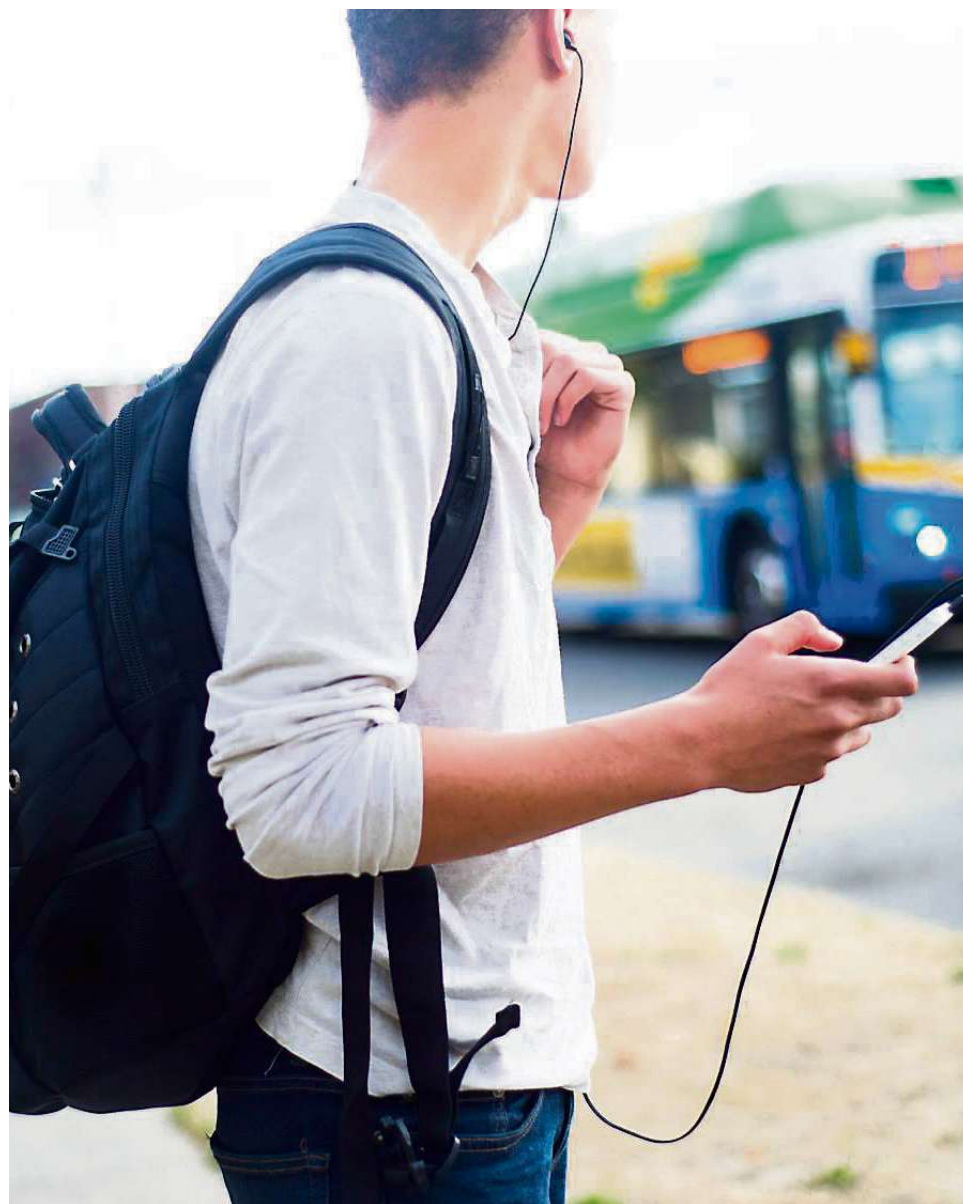
The authors wrote that slow media is "not about fast consumption but about choosing the ingredients mindfully and preparing them in a concentrated manner. Slow media cannot be consumed casually, but provoke the full concentration of their users."

As with the production of a good meal, which demands the full attention of all senses by the cook and his guests, slow media can only be consumed with pleasure in focused alertness.

Part of the appeal of slow media is that it pushes back against the technological pressures that are shaping journalism. It's about encouraging people to cut down on their media intake while making sure to source their news from reliable sources.

For this dinosaur, nothing quite beats print. A newspaper will reward your attention to it by having a quirky story buried in the back pages that will bring a smile to your face. You may miss such stories online.

Reading a newspaper has been



ON THE GO: But social media may not be the best way to source your news. Poised by model

described as a contemplative exercise that can't be matched by a screen. The physicality of a newspaper is enjoyable. It invites perusal initially as your eye is drawn to the photographs and then it entices you to read the stories, with no distractions. You retain more from print than from screens.

Studies have shown that reading retention suffers on a Kindle compared to a book and the same applies to newspapers.

There is so much noise in the digital world. It invites us to dip in and out, forming superficial impressions and fooling us that they're well informed.

But on social media, we're not really paying attention. We're passively consuming news from sources that we may not have actively chosen or researched.

It's time that readers realised that they're not being served well by all the seeming choice on offer. Quality really is better than quantity.



DAVE HANNIGAN

in New York

Wrestling is a farce, not sport

I WAS a freshly-minted teenager in Colaiste an Spioraí Naomh in the 1980s when the virus of American wrestling, then known as WWF, swept through the building.

I was no dumber or smarter than my classmates but could not fathom how so many of them were smitten by this awful, pantomime rubbish that had started to pollute our TV screens. Some talked of matches between Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant the same way the rest of us talked of Cork taking on Kilkenny.

For a time it looked as if a few of the brightest minds of my generation might be lost to this menace. Fortunately, most of those involved matured and came back from the brink before it was too late. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Ireland in 2019. That's the obvious conclusion following recent hysterical events surrounding Becky Lynch, the Dublin woman, who emerged from Wrestlemania 35 as the new Smackdown and Raw Champions. The reaction in her home country was genuinely disturbing. Even worse than media outlets describing her as 'winning' these titles (my quotation marks, not theirs), some chose to cover the event in the sports section.

It is not now or never has been a sport. It is a branch of the entertainment industry, an especially unsavoury and sordid branch at that. Lynch deserves great credit for carving out a career that has made her world-famous. However, nobody can ever describe her as an athlete because she is far more of an actress (and a bad one at that) than anything else. When newspapers and radio shows talk about her 'winning' Wrestlemania, they are being grammatically incorrect and perpetuating a ridiculous fraud.

Lynch emerged from the show with two title belts because a group of writers in a script room in an office in Connecticut decided she should. That's how wrestling, as anybody over the age of eight knows, works. For reasons to do with marketability, storylines and continuity, these men and women, in consultation with the commercial arm of WWE (as it is now called), figure she's the best person for them to sell their product at this point in time. That's why she got to fake defeat the former UFC fighter Ronda Rousey and another woman named Charlotte Flair. It was nothing to do with her physical talent. It was to do with dollars and cents.

Against that background, it was stunning to look in from the outside and see grown-ups in Ireland and, particularly, in Irish media going berserk about her 'achievement'. As if she'd won a world boxing title like Katie Taylor or something. The only thing Lynch deserves credit for is shimmying her way up the very greasy and treacherous pole that is WWE. But, any celebrations should be tempered by the realisation she has reached the top of a pile but, to borrow a phrase, it's a pile of rubbish.

For decades, the people who devoted years of their lives to WWE have been dying young. They have been doing so because their pneumatic muscles are often the results of steroid use. And, even when they reached the summit, they were made to work a punishing schedule, hurling themselves around the ring according to the pre-arranged script several nights a week in order to generate huge sums for owner Vince McMahon and his family. Many ended up taking painkillers to keep up and that yielded a whole new set of medical and psychological problems down the road.

We only hope Lynch avoids that fate. Many haven't.

“The only thing Lynch deserves credit for is shimmying up a very greasy pole.”

Our 'wreck' of a

The renovation of a period home in Fermoy became a labour of love for owner Dee McCarthy — and turned up a curiosity that could date back 200 years old, reveals DONAL O'KEEFFE

FOR Dee McCarthy, restoring her period home in Fermoy has become a four-year labour of love.

No.2, Saint James' Place, was built in 1812, at the dawn of the modern town.

The house has been vacant since the 1970s, and Dee and her husband, Neil, since they returned to Fermoy from London four years ago, have put much time and money — “more than we expected” — into the red-brick, three-storey-over-basement terraced Georgian house.

Past pink flag-stones of Johnstown marble, the original door and doorknocker have been restored, and a new fanlight — mimicking the original on No 4 — has been created by local carpenter, Paud Dineen.

The building dates back to the days when Scottish entrepreneur John Anderson built a thriving garrison town on the banks of the Blackwater. Across from Christchurch Church of Ireland, Saint James' Place overlooks the town park.

When Saint James' Place was built, Anderson lived in Fermoy House, on the other side of what is now the park, before he lost everything in a bank crash in 1816. He died penniless four years later in London.

For Dee, proprietor of Fermoy's Heron Café, and her family, the restoration of their new home is a celebration of Fermoy's past and an investment in its future. “When we bought it, it was a 200-year-old wreck,” she says. “Now, it'll stand for another 200 years.”

The house is a protected structure, and has been lovingly refurbished to the highest specifications, using original materials wherever possible.

The construction architect is Midleton's James Burke, and the main building work has been carried out by Kenmuna Construction of Ballyhooley, but many hands made this work.

Dee's father-in-law, Charlie McCarthy, has worked hard to recreate original-style spindles for the staircase. Local craftsman Colman Howard did all the lime-plastering.

“We are blessed to be surrounded by so many gifted local craft-people,” says Dee.

When I visited the property, the air was thick with the smell of fresh varnish; the restored wooden floors on the ground floor gleamed beneath high, corniced ceilings, and the evening sun beamed through double-glazed windows replicating the original frames.

Fireplaces, dating back two centuries, have been beautifully renovated too.

Downstairs, the cellar, once a rabbit-warren of servant quarters, has been opened up, and a glass mezzanine overlooking the back garden lights what is now a combined kitchen and family area.

To the front, the only surviving original window on the terrace looks out on an outdoor basement area which features a 4ft high, 20ft-deep coal hole which runs beneath the overhead pavement. It would make for a childhood wonderland of the imagination.

Renovations can turn up many surprises, both welcome and unwelcome.

In the course of these particular works, a mystery was revealed in the form of a letter fragment which Dee discovered in an old, undated



How No.2, Saint James' Place used to look. RIGHT: The door knocker



copy of *Modern Practical Cookery*. The letter states, as best as can be transcribed:

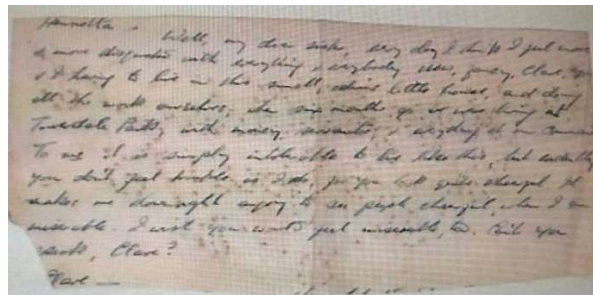
“Henrietta—
“Well, my dear sister, every day I think I feel more and more disgusted with everything and everybody. Now, fancy, love, you and I having to live in this small, odious little house, and doing all the work ourselves, when six months ago we were living at Tower Isle Parks, with money,

servants and everything at our command.”

“To me, it is simply intolerable to live like this, but evidently you don't feel horrible as I do, for you look quite cheerful. It makes me downright angry to see people cheerful when I am miserable. I wish you would feel miserable, too. Can't you speak, love?”

“Love—

The letter is undated, but the



MYSTERY: The letter which was discovered in an old cookery book at No.2, Saint James' Place, Fermoy

“Dee's father-in-law has worked hard to recreate the original-style spindles in the staircase. A local craftsman did the lime-plastering.”

reference to servants suggests the letter may predate Independence.

Perhaps it's a sexist assumption to think the author is female, but it's hard to imagine many men in the past two centuries complaining about having to do “all the work” in a house.

There's a Tower Isle in Jamaica, which remained a British colony until 1962. Was the author pining for the Caribbean?

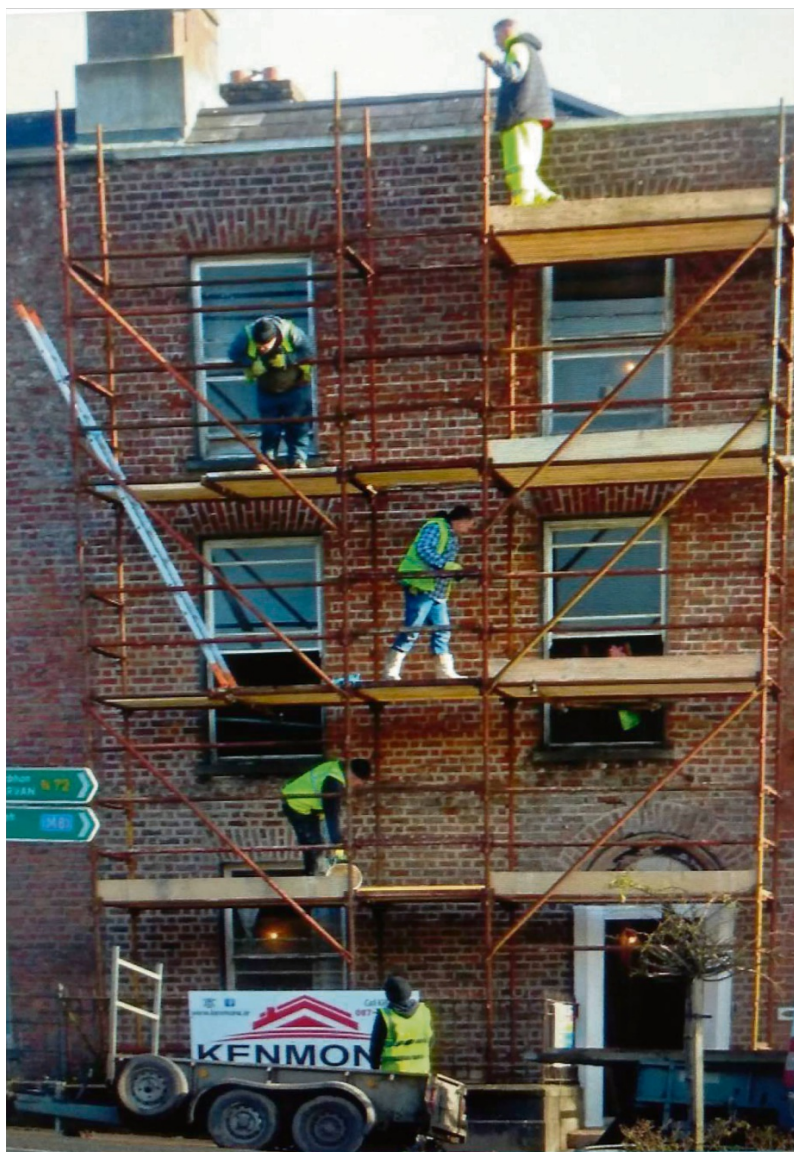
Either way, she is very unhappy at having to live in “this small, odious little house”, but while past smells are a mystery, 2, St James' Place is not small, (unless you're from a mansion). That is if, of course, 2, St James' Place is the house to which the author refers. The letter presumably belonged to Henrietta — or a relation — who wanted to keep it safe.

The author has come from a life of great privilege, and is now “miserable” to have to live in a house far beneath her expectations. Given that the letter was found in a house which was likely in the 19th century the property of a British Army officer, might she have moved to Fermoy, an officer's wife?

She suggests she is greatly reduced in means, and this only recently, and invites her sister to imagine sharing in her indignity. She says Henrietta looks quite cheerful, implying she sees her sister regularly enough to know she doesn't suffer in the same way.

Does this suggest Henrietta is in the same general position as the unnamed author and similarly suffering straitened circumstances

house will now stand for another 200 years



but doing so with perhaps more grace than the author?

Or is the author being spiteful, pointing out that Henrietta looks "quite cheerful" because she is still enjoying her privileged position in "Tower Isle Park"?

No.2, Saint James Place was included in the Census of 1911, when the occupants were listed as Katie Murphy, aged 57; Margaret Meanny, aged 41; Josephine O'Neill, 37; and Annie Healy, 30.

They all give their occupation as "Head Nurse" and list their religion as Roman Catholic.

Dee doesn't know who Henrietta or her sibling may have been, but notes dots on the rear of the letter; a series of pin-

pricks spelling out "Happy Birthday".

Whatever the story behind this mystery letter, 2, St James' Place has a rich past and — thanks to Dee and her family — it now has a bright future too.

The renovated home is a glorious triumph of imagination and care, with rooms restored to their airy former glory, and reimagined for family life in a new century.

For Dee and Neil, and for their children, this will very soon be home.

Amateur detectives, historians and handwriting experts are invited to drop into Fermoy's Heron Café to discuss their theories about Henrietta's letter over a coffee, a sandwich, or a delicious slice of cake.

ABOVE: The work in progress and (BELOW) the original door



STANDING PROUD: No.2 St James' Place in Fermoy after its renovation by Dee McCarthy



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Event to identify options for engineering talent at CIT

■ 1. Anna Kerins, EPS Water; Sophie Atkinson Hall, PILZ, and Olivia O'Connell, PILZ, at Engineering Your Pipeline, a focus on identifying new options for the production of engineering talent in line with current and anticipated demand forecasts which took place in Cork Institute of Technology.

■ 2. Edgar Strakouskig, Fastnet; Michael J O'Mahony, CIT, and Laura Curtin, Fastnet.

■ 3. Tara Murphy, PM Group, and Matt Cottrell, CIT.

■ 4. David Egan, PM Group, and Liam O'Leary, BioMarin.

■ 5. Patrick O'Donoghue, PM Group, and Ger Kelly, CIT.

■ 6. Rachel Moynihan, Sirius; Amy Brosnan, PepsiCo; Deirdre Mahony, Mott McDonald, and Eilish Broderick, IT Tralee.

■ 7. Eoin O'Regan, Process Automation Solutions; Siobhán Bradley, Regional Skills; Valerie Cowman, Cork Training Centre, and Stephen Griffin.

■ 8. Aileen Hurley, Cork County Council; Liam Murnane, Dept of Engineering UCC, and Robert Hobbs, Johnson and Johnson.

■ 9. Audrey McSweeney and Jennifer Ahern, Dornan Engineering.

■ 10. Finbarr O'Neill and Christopher Roche, Endorses & Hauser.

Pictures: Darragh Kane



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This is an absolutely delicious apple tart — the base remains firm due to the hazelnut puree layer and the bramley apples, which are moist & full of flavour. The addition of the nut brown custard and toasted hazelnuts give a very impressive result, with very little effort.

Apple of your eye...



Bramley Apple & Hazelnut Tart

Sweet Pastry Ingredients

300gr flour
150gr butter
60gr sugar
6gr salt
2 eggs

Method

- Mix flour, sugar and butter to crumb, add in the eggs and salt and mix lightly.
- Turn onto board and work enough to bring together.
- Wrap in cling film and leave to rest in the fridge for an hour or so.
- Grease a 9 inch flan ring.
- Roll out the pastry approx. 1½ in larger than the flan ring.
- Carefully place the pastry on the flan ring.
- Push well into the corners, line with parchment paper and rest for half an hour.
- Fill with baking beans and bake at 175C until golden all over.
- When cooked, remove baking parchment and brush the pastry case with raw egg yolk, place back in the oven for two or three minutes, this will help seal the pastry and keep it crisp.

BAKING WITH MERCY

by Mercy Fenton
of Wicked Desserts Ltd

■ Reduce the oven temperature to 150C.

Tart Filling Ingredients

Hazelnut Layer
55gr blanched toasted hazelnuts
30gr egg (half an egg)
50gr soft light brown sugar

Method

■ In a food processor, pulse together the

ingredients for the hazelnut layer (to a slightly rough paste) then spread carefully over the pre-cooked tart base.

■ Bake at 150C for 10 to 12 minutes until set and golden.

■ Remove from the oven and set aside whilst you make the custard.

■ Increase oven temperature to 175C

Custard Ingredients

700gr prepared bramley apple, cut into cubes
3 free range eggs
25gr cream flour
175gr caster sugar
½ tsp vanilla extract
2 tsp brandy
25gr blanched toasted hazelnuts, roughly chopped
150gr unsalted butter, cooked to nut brown
½ tsp salt
Finely grated zest of half a lemon

Nut Brown Butter

■ The most important part of this recipe is the nut brown butter, for this amount I used an 8in round non stick frying pan, if

you are unsure about it try doing it in two batches in a smaller pan.

■ Melt the butter in a wide pot or frying pan over a medium-low heat, swirling to help it along. It will foam and (as a chef once explained to me, it will sing — listen carefully!)

■ Once the foam has died down, (it stops singing) watch it like a hawk; as soon as the solids at the bottom turn light-coloured from white to toasty brown and the butter smells almost nutty, tip into a bowl to cool.

Custard

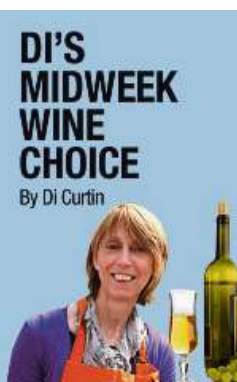
■ Next, whisk together the eggs, vanilla, brandy, sugar, and flour until smooth. Once cooled add the butter, mix well and then add the lemon zest. Set aside to thicken.

■ Toss together the apple, and Toasted hazelnuts and pile evenly onto the cooked hazelnut layer.

■ Pour over the prepared custard; shake gently to allow the custard to sink through the apple.

■ Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until golden and set.

■ Serve warm with whipped cream.



THE long Easter weekend is upon us, and that probably means some feasting to be done.

The traditional meat of the season is spring lamb, roasted pink and served with mint sauce and all the trimmings. Chocolate makes an appearance too, in the form of eggs and presentation boxes to scoff after dinner.

Lamb loves red wine, but chocolate is a notorious wine killer!

Some bubbles may well be a nice thing to go with a presentation box or special egg as a gift though, plus they make a lively aperitif before dinner. So I've included a fizz with a difference in my top three this week.

From Argentina comes Finca la Pampa Mendoza Pinot Noir 2017. Lamb loves the intense cherry fruit of Pinot Noir. This one also has some cedar and smokey notes from ageing in French oak for 10 months.

A complex red, this marries velvety fruit ripeness with a mature, full and lingering flavour on the palate. Perfect for a special occasion, this is great with roast lamb. From Aldi, €12.99 a bottle.

As the sun is forecast to shine this weekend, you might ditch the traditional roast in flavour of digging the barbecue out. For something to go with the meats of the outdoor grill, which are usually marinated to intensify flavour, another red will do the job nicely.

Domain de la Baume Syrah La Jeunesse is a sensuously rich and spicy red from the south of France. All that sunshine brings forth ripe Syrah grapes which pack a powerful punch of fruit and spice. Great for grilled meats like spicy lamb or steak burgers.

Normally €10 a bottle, this wine is now part of the Easter buy-six-save-a-further-€10-at-the-till offer, now on till April 24. It's worth investigating this and the other wines in this range for the long weekend.

Lastly, those bubbles I promised. I'm going back to the Easter wine range at Aldi, for the unusual Organic Grillo Spumante.

A wine from Sicily, made from the Grillo grape, this variety is fast catching on for those who like the frizzante fizz of Prosecco.

It comes in a stubby bottle with cage closure, keeping all those lively busy little bubbles in check till you pop the cork!

A mouthful of vibrant citrus and crisp whitecurrant fruit makes this a lovely wine to sip before dinner, and a talking point too. From Aldi, €12.99

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By Sarah Delamere Hurdling

For more detailed reading from Sarah call the number beside your star sign

Aries: Control your stubborn streak and repress the need to speak out of turn. The time has come to get real. Use your intelligence to get ahead



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Taurus: Appreciate the good things in life. Appreciation of the good stuff will attract you more of the same. Simplicity enhances beauty.



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Gemini: The obvious route is not always the correct one. Extend the hand of friendship even though you do not feel like it. Be receptive.



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Cancer: Reserve judgement and hold that tongue. Be balanced about a legal matter and over look personal frustration if possible.



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Leo: Love will win the day so there is no point in hiding your true feelings. Foster independence and healthy interaction with loved ones.



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Virgo: Uncertainty needs to be confronted head on. To be effective into the future you need to trust your own judgment and not waver.



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Libra: Show a bit of levity and you will skilfully diffuse a situation. Play someone clever at their own game. Victory is yours, keep clear head.



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Scorpio: Your best intentions may well have been subverted into a fuzzy muddle. This is all good- honest. Flex your muscles and get busy.



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Sagittarius: The urge to speed things up a bit will no doubt get the better of you. Do not lose heart. Stop those negative expectations.



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Capricorn: Tap into a renewed sense of humour, this will help you access new possibilities. Lighten up and take it all less seriously.



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Aquarius: If you keep your safety belt on you can weather anything. Anything is worth a try. Adopt a new approach to an old problem.



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Pisces: You deserve more recognition, love and appreciation, more of everything in fact. Watch out for greed though. Do not overdo it.



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Hard Sudoku

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Easy Sudoku

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



QUICK CROSSWORD

Across

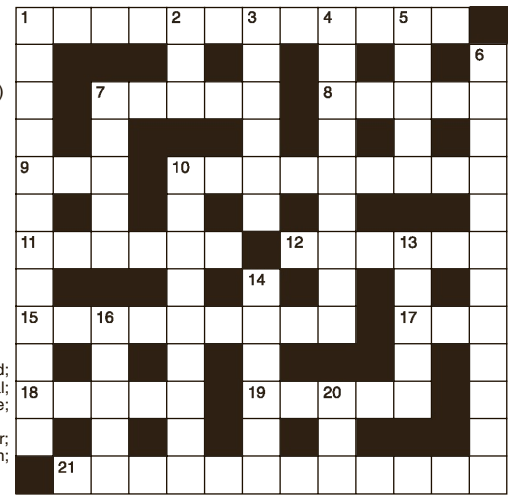
- Part of golf course (7,5)
- Dismay (5)
- Supple (5)
- Pinch (3)
- Haughtiness (9)
- To place (6)
- Spider's trap (6)
- Ornaments for horses (9)
- Rocky hilltop (3)
- Precise (5)
- Laziness (5)
- Sports ground (7,5)

Previous solutions

Across: 4 Weighty; 8 Umpire; 9 Aground; 10 Lethal; 11 Nation; 12 Variable; 18 Farical; 20 Vigour; 21 Evolve; 22 Effaced; 23 Bruise; 24 Already.
Down: 1 Outlive; 2 Upstart; 3 Armada; 5 Engineer; 6 Growth; 7 Tendon; 13 Befriend; 14 Acclaim; 15 Altered; 16 Sinful; 17 Donate; 19 Covert.

Down

- Mufti (5,7)
- Little devil (3)
- In abundance (6)
- Devout (9)
- Consumed (5)
- Echoed (12)
- Savoury jelly (5)
- Aversion (9)
- Observe (5)
- Concord (6)
- Benefit (5)
- Lout (3)



Dateline

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

On this day

1937: A British attendance record at a football match was set when 149,547 people watched Scotland v England at Hampden Park, Glasgow.



Fact of the day

■ Today in 1960, U.S. rock star Eddie Cochran died in a car crash in England.

Birthdays

■ Henry Kelly, TV host, 73; Sean Bean, 60; Victoria Beckham, fashion designer, above, 45.

Trees Wordsearch

You must find the following words in the grid:

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Eucalyptus
Linden
Maple
Mulberry
Olive
Plane
Plum
Tamarind
Walnut

Garfield & Up And Running



Brain Drain

In this quiz, the last letter of an answer is also the first letter of the next answer.

- Which city's football clubs include Arsenal and Chelsea?
- What is the county town of Norfolk?
- Which composer wrote the orchestral suite 'The Planets'?
- What is Del Boy's surname in 'Only Fools And Horses'?
- Which French playwright wrote 'Andromaque' and 'Phedre'?
- What is a small, glowing piece of coal?
- What is another name for a mountain ash?
- Which male golfer has won most 'Major' championships?
- What is a narrow passage connecting two large areas of water?
- What is a pure breed of horse?

Our family's 38th season in business

Ann Woodward of Blairscove House and Restaurant talks family, friendship and the hospitality business



Ann Woodward with husband Woody and children, twins Millie and Pippa, and Nina, aged one, at their business, Blairscove House & Restaurant.

PERSON TOP PERSON

Tell us about yourself;

Owner of Blairscove, an award-winning restaurant with rooms in Durrus, Bantry, West Cork, busy mum of three. I love organising, I never take myself too seriously, trying to find a good work/life balance and generally winging it.

Where were you born?

I was born in St Finbarr's Hospital in Cork, and I grew up in Durrus in West Cork.

My mum is from Germany, and my dad is from Belgium. They met in hotel school in Switzerland and wanted to open a restaurant — the decision was between Bruges in Belgium or just outside Durrus where my mum's family had a holiday home — West Cork won!

I went to primary school in Durrus but I went to boarding school in Midleton and college in Galway. After that I moved to Bath in the UK where I met my husband. We worked and travelled abroad for a few years before finally moving home in 2014.

Where do you live?

Since 2014 I'm back living in the family home at Blairscove, Durrus. It's a 300-year-old Georgian House with guest accommodation and a restaurant attached — living at work can have its challenges but it allows for us to be flexible and go from home to work to home very easily.

At first my husband and I were living here with my parents, but as our family has grown and they've taken a step back from the business, they have moved out but are still on hand to help, just next door.

Family?

My husband Woody and I have three little girls — twins Millie and Pippa who are three and Nina who is

one. Pippa is like her dad — the definition of a sweet, well behaved little girl; she is thoughtful and tries to be good all the time.

Millie definitely gets her personality from me — she cannot sit still and is just constantly messing and fidgeting, and gets in trouble all the time. Today at playschool she made a boy cry because she took the ham out of her sandwich and threw it at him!

Nina is the most easy-going baby, she's always happy and laughing — I guess she has to be when she has twin sisters to compete with.

Our business is seasonal — we're closed from November to March so we get loads of quality time with them during this time — it means a lot because once we reopen in March, it's work 24/7.

My parents live right next door. We're very close and they're always there if we need business advice or help with the children. We like to spend our days off with them, trying out different recipes or taking through ideas.

I have an older brother that lives in Barcelona with his girlfriend, we get to see each other a couple of times a year.

Best friend?

I'm still really close with all my friends from school but my best friend is Laura Moore, who I've been friends with since the first day of first year of college.

We lived together for years and I really consider her to be family. She completely gets me, she's one of the few people I can completely be myself around, and she's a massive

weirdo like me too. We both work in hospitality so we understand each other and it just so happens that our husbands are best friends too — we actually met through them when we were all living in Bath in 2010.

Earliest childhood memory?

Growing cress in playschool, cutting it and eating it on toast.

Person you most admire?

My mum. She's an incredibly strong woman who calls a spade a spade and doesn't put up with any BS. Also she has a wicked sense of humour.

Person who most irritates you?

Also my mum. She's always right and it's so annoying.

Where was your most memorable holiday?

We went on a family holiday to Disneyland Paris in November for the twins' third birthday — it was so lovely to see the look in their eyes — everything was exciting and such a wonder for them, I'll never forget it.

Favourite TV programme?

Recently I've binged *You* on Netflix — about a stalker boyfriend. He's a complete psycho but at the same time you want him to win and kill all the people that get in his way!

Also *Handmaid's Tale* is so good, every episode has me yelling at the TV!

Favourite radio show?

Niall Boylan on Classic Hits 4fm. He always has such controversial

topics and the people calling in get so wound up, it's really fun to listen to.

Your signature dish if cooking?

Fish soup packed with loads of different fish.

Favourite restaurant?

Pilgrim's in Rosscarbery

Last book you read?

Room On The Broom tonight at bedtime.

Best book you read?

One of our children's books called *Odd Dog Out* — it's about a dog that doesn't fit in, she moves away to find herself, and in the end realises that she doesn't need to be like everyone else to be loved.

I wish I'd had a book like this growing up, I always felt like the odd one out as a child.

Last album/CD/download you bought?

I use Spotify so I literally haven't downloaded an album in years... probably Bon Jovi — *This House is Not for Sale*.

Favourite song?

Dancing in the Moonlight by Thin Lizzy. It has it all — it's romantic, it's catchy, and it has a good guitar solo in the middle.

One person you would like to see in concert?

I've been dying to see Backstreet Boys since I was a child and we're going this June, WAHOOOO!

Do you have a pet?

We have a dog, a bull mastiff — a big, sloppy teddy bear called Gus — he's like our son and is great with the children, he always wants to be

involved with what they're doing. We also have two adopted cats, Kenan and Kel, who are absolute pests but I love them.

Morning person or night owl?

Morning person, if I had a choice I'd be in bed at 9pm every night.

Your proudest moment?

Being Maid of Honour at Laura's wedding — I was so honoured to be by her side and it was a lovely way to repay her for all the years of friendship.

Spendthrift or saver?

I'd love to say saver but having three children, a business and a 300-year old house that requires constant maintenance makes it hard to save!

Name one thing you would improve in your area in which you live?

The phone signal.

What makes you happy?

Spending time with my family but also working makes me really happy too — I find it really satisfying when guests have a great experience, it's a good buzz.

We've found a good work/life balance so it makes it enjoyable to do both.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a good person — nothing complicated — just for people to think of me and say 'she was nice'.

What else are you up to at the moment?

Our restaurant is now open for the season this month. It's our 38th season as a business and mine and Woody's sixth year. Time is flying.



WONDERFUL MEMORIES: Favourite family holiday — Disneyland Paris.



AWARD-WINNING: Blairs Cove House, Durrus.

Picture: Denis Scannell



FAVOURITE SONG: *Dancing in the Moonlight* by Thin Lizzy.

It can be hard, as actors, to leave a role behind. But as *Jamestown*, the Sky One drama about the first British settlers in America, returns for its third and final series, some cast members feel certain it's the right time to say goodbye.

"I'd have been gutted if we had done two, I think there was more story to tell, and of course, you could go further with it," reasons Scot Stuart Martin, 33 (he portrays labourer Silas Sharrow).

"But I feel like with three series you can get in amongst 10/15 characters and really tell those stories. If it starts to go over [three series], you think, 'What are we going to do?'"

Twenty-two year old Luke Roskell, who plays Pepper, Silas' younger brother, agrees; and is happy with how things work out for his character.

"This season I've got some really nice stuff, especially with Mercy (played by Patsy Ferran); that story rounds off lovely," notes the Merseyside-born star, best known for his stint in *Emmerdale*, as Sean Spencer.

"I was so happy that it did, because over three years it's just slowly, slowly been coming along.

"I was really happy with how Pepper's journey went."

Jamestown, created by Bill Gallagher, is based on real-life events.

In 1620, 90 young English women were shipped across the Atlantic to be brides for pioneers who had been living in Virginia for over a decade.

But there were a lot more men than there were women.

And we saw Silas fall in love with Alice, played by *Peaky Blinders* star Sophie Rundle, who, at the time, was married to his older brother Henry (Max Beesley).

Alice and Silas ended up getting together, and having a baby. But when, in the last episode of series two, Silas' fellow settlers accused him of being a traitor, he fled to the Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

In the new episodes, we will see the fallout of that, as he now lives with the Pamunkey permanently.

Preparation for the storyline included losing 15 kilos, "because I knew I had to get into a loin-cloth," quips Martin.

"The former Silas, as the big farmer, the big oaf, the man of the land, he does a total shift, and becomes a hunter gatherer," continues the actor.

"I just felt like it was a totally different character."

Did that transformation mean this was Martin's most challenging series yet?

He nods. "Silas has completely shifted in what he stands for, which your mind actually resists, weirdly," he explains.

"He becomes a new character, he really does. So that mental shift was quite a hard one."

Another new element of the role was learning to speak the language of the tribe, something he fully embraced.

"I remember laying all the scenes out and it would cover half this floor of just Native American, which is such a buzz."

"It shows you, in a sense, if you put your mind to it, you can do those things, you can learn something that's completely alien to you. I loved it. I feel quite proud of it."

Roskell is full of praise for his co-star's hard work - even if he can't help but tease him a little too (throughout the interview there's a lot of banter between the pair, who it's clear have become close playing brothers on-screen).

"You did big it up, with the whole floor thing," he says with a smile.

Over the three series, we've seen Pepper change a lot - Roskell was just 19 when he got the role. And he recognises how much his character has grown up as the show has evolved.

"This year he's got some facial hair; a little bit of something," he jokes.

"He's a lot older and trying to step up to the mark now. Over the three years he has been doing that already, trying to emulate his brothers. But this year, he's trying to find himself really."

There's been a shift in dynamic between all three Sharrow brothers, who couldn't be more different to one another character-wise.

"Without you being around," Roskell looks to Martin, "it's just Henry, but that's why I do have to step up, you know?"

Settling in for the final season

Historical drama *Jamestown*, which follows the first English settlers in America in the 17th century, is returning to Sky One. Stars Stuart Martin and Luke Roskell tell Georgia Humphreys what's in store for the third, and final, series



Stuart Martin as Silas Sharrow in the third series of *Jamestown*.

"I take a bit from Silas, a bit from Henry and try and work myself out. I have to get involved more with the politics of Jamestown, politics of being farmers and having the tobacco. It was good fun."

Both admit it was difficult to switch off after filming finished for good. There was added sadness due to the fact the show was filmed in Budapest, a city they both have grown fond of.

"It was just such a lovely experience to film because you're not in a studio, you're outside the whole time," says Martin.

"Between takes you go and sit in the pub or sit in the sun, it's great. It's a lovely, lovely gig."

"I can second that," Roskell chimes in with a grin. "Being outside and with your pals; dream job!"

■ *Jamestown* launches on Sky One and NOW TV on Friday, April 26



Sophie Rundle as Alice Sharrow in the Sky One series.

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Nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear.

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Cooke (Fifth Anniversary), In loving memory of our neighbour and friend DENIS (DINNY), late of Fairfield Avenue, whose Fifth Anniversary occurs today.
 Too dearly loved to be forgotten.
 (Mary and Denis Prendergast and family).

Cooke: In loving memory of my Dad, DINNY, whose fifth anniversary occurs today.
 Always in our thoughts and prayers.
 (Denis, Claire and Katie)

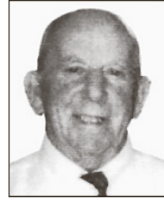
Leahy: In loving memory of our dear Dad, JOHN, whose anniversary occurs today
 Always in our thoughts and prayers,
 Loved and remembered every day.
 (Sadly missed by your daughters Maria and Nora and families)

In Memoriam

Leahy In loving memory of my dear Dad JOHN whose anniversary occurs today.
 There's a place in our hearts that's yours alone.
 A part of our lives no one can own.
 For deep in our hearts you'll always stay,
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 (Always in our thoughts and prayers, John John, Mary and Emma)

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In Memoriam



Denis (Dinny) Cooke

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of DINNY, a loving husband and father whose anniversary occurs today.
 Mass offered.

Those we love don't go away
 They walk beside us every day
 Unseen, unheard, but always near
 Still loved, still missed
 And very dear

(Always remembered by his wife Ann, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren)

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 Will those who think of her today,
 A little prayer to Jesus say.
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O'Leary In loving memory of ABBY and her son MICHAEL JOHN
 When old times I do recall
 That's when I miss you most of all.
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Ann McCarthy

In loving memory of my dear wife ANN, whose fourth anniversary occurs today.

You lived your life with little needs,
 Full instead of selfless deeds,
 For everyone you did your best,
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(From your loving husband William)

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Carrie O'Brien

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Cork County Council: Eimear
White & John Tobin seeks
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Planning Notices

Cork County Council: We Ross
& Sinead O'Brien seek
permission for the
construction of a new single-
storey dwelling house with a
new vehicular entrance &
driveway from the public road,
a new on site waste water
treatment unit and associated
site works at Faggot Hill,
Blarney Road, Clogheen, The
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Cork County Council: The
Board of Governors of
Midleton College are applying
for permission to install a
separate Prefabricated modular
building (to be used as a
Locker Room) and ancillary
site works at their premises at
Midleton College, Connolly
Street, Midleton, Co. Cork. The
Planning Application may be
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Cork County Council: Further
information has been
requested by Cork County
Council relating to planning ref
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October 2018 by Daytona
Contractors Ltd. for residential
development of 81 no.
dwelling houses, childcare
facility and all ancillary site
development works. The
proposed development
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9 no. detached 4-bed
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detached dwellings and 16 no.
2-bed terraced dwellings.
Access to the new
development will be via
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Kilnality.

A Natura Impact Statement in
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of the prescribed fee within 5
weeks of the date of receipt of
the revised notice by the
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Planning Notices

Cork County Council: I, Patrick
and Kathleen Mulcahy, c/o
O'Carroll Fitzgerald Project and
Commercial Management Ltd,
intend to apply to the above
Council for Permission to
construct a single storey
dwelling, new entrance and all
associated site works at
Lyraneag, Rockchapel, Co.
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may be inspected or purchased
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Banteer sports centre project

GAA

■ John Tarrant

A SPORTS centre for a new decade and for generations beyond was unveiled at the official launch of the Banteer Community Sportsfield combined with the launch of 100 years of Banteer Sports in the Glen Theatre, Banteer recently.

The Banteer Community Sportsfield group have recently been approved via IRD Duhallow for a major grant of €1.128m towards the development of an Astro Turf project from the Government's Rural Regeneration and Development fund.

The grant aid is up to 80% funding and the community, those behind the project will need to raise to €285,000 of matching funds to complete the full €1.41m project.

Banteer Community Sportsfield and Park is a community owned facility utilised by ladies football, camogie, hurling, gaelic football, soccer, walking, athletics, many other sports and also entails a children's playground.

This facility has been developed over the years by the local community with grant support from LEADER, Cork County Council and Sports Capital funding as well as significant local fundraising.

The name of Banteer is synonymous with Sports meetings hosted as early as May 1886, when the inaugural event attracted athletes far and wide. More than 45 years later, Banteer Sports Field was opened in 1952 and it continued to thrive over the following decades.

From 1888, the subsequent world champion Denis Horgan secured his first career win at 17 years.

The 1950 meeting broke all records, the last staging at Buckley's field heralded the need for a new location.

As the cost of developing the existing location was not feasible, two adjoining fields of the Parish lands and adjoining the railway station were made available by the Parish priest, and with the expertise of engineers O'Keefe & Busteed, Newmarket, the local supporters again went into action to provide an even better facility for athletics than had been provided over sixty years before.

Progress continued apace in the excavation and levelling of the new sportsfield with an oval cinder track banked at the ends for the safety of cyclists, and an inner grass track.

The Banteer venue was convenient to the Banteer Railway Station allowing for the attendance of 6,000 patrons at meetings over the years.

Such was the recognised state of the surface, facilities and location, the All Ireland sports were hosted in the present sports field in 1965, 1966 and 1972 with cycling introduced as Banteer became famous for its cinder track.

Many GAA finals have been hosted at a venue immortalised in song and verse, the Complex is home to Banteer and Lyre GAA clubs.

Very much a community sports location, soccer is also played with athletes, joggers and walkers enjoying the track as well as a walkway around a picturesque lake.

Strong Cork line up in Scór final

SCÓR

■ John Tarrant

CORK representatives from Kanturk, Kilshannig, Millstreet and St James are bound for Castlebar this Saturday on the staging of the All-Ireland Senior Scór Finals in the Royal Theatre.

Searching for ultimate honours in the hotly competitive national finals, the 50th hosting promotes the cultural wing of the GAA, the diverse programme of music, song, dance to novelty act draws participants from all four provinces.

Cork seek accolades in a quartet of interest on an impressive representation carrying the rebel county colours that bid to repeat some outstanding successes from recent years.

The talented Muireann Vaughan from Kanturk participates at solo singing and is sure to raise the cheers for her Duhallow supporters base, no stranger to this field after previously reaching both the All-Ireland Scór na nOg and Senior Finals.

Qualifiers as provincial champions come from Emyvale (Monaghan), Ballyraggett (Kilkenny) and Ballinlough (Galway).

Kilshannig delivered a scintillating display of tunes in the Instrumental music category to capture provincial honours, their foot tapping presentation of jigs and reels delivered by Daragh O'Shea, Sheila Cavanagh, Veronica O'Mahony, Fergus McGrath and Daniel O'Callaghan.

Also involved here are Moneyglass (Antrim), Kyle (Laois) and Achill (Mayo).



The St James Ballad Group represent Cork at the All Ireland Scór Finals.

Picture: John Tarrant

St James Ballad Group perform with their double fare from a quintet comprising Rachel Hodnett.

Amy O'Sullivan, Ashlie O'Sullivan, Rachel O'Sullivan and Aine Fitzgerald.

The West Cork club hope to repeat the success of their neighbours Carbery Rangers, outright winners from

2018 as St James face teams from Carrickcruppen (Armagh), Ferbane (Offaly) and Aughnasheelin (Leitrim).

Also performing in Castlebar will be Millstreet in the Table Quiz against county champions across the country.

Over the years, Cork teams are renowned for their pursuits in Scór, the

county credited with sixteen senior All Ireland titles.

Freemount head the roll of honour on three titles with Mallow and Millstreet holding two apiece and there is one each for Cullen, Dromtariffe, Carrigaline, Ballyphenane, Tracton, Ballymartle, Buttevant, Killeagh and Carbery Rangers.



The Kilshannig Instrumental Music Group looking ahead to the All Ireland Senior Scór Final.

Picture: John Tarrant



Muireann Vaughan (Kanturk) in full voice enroute to the All Ireland Senior Scór Final.

Picture: John Tarrant

Glenryan plays host to all-time great contest of Don

DON

■ Damien O'Sullivan

The Glenryan team was Tom Higgins, Corny Mahony, Ray Chisholm, William '20 Bags' Singleton, Seanie Donoghue, and Dave Dineen.

The first players in for Jack Fordes were the outstanding talent of Frank Walsh and Dinny Donovan playing two of the greats from Ma Dulleas in John Lyons and Sean Casey, with Jacks going into an early lead. The Ma Dulleas pairing came back to level the scores. In the deciding game, Jack Fordes proved too strong as they went on to put their team ahead.

Next in for Jacks were two exceptional players, Ri-

chard Anderson and Stevie Donovan, playing two reliable players from Ma's in Martin Mahony and Mick Cotter with both teams playing spectacular games.

The final players in for Jack Fordes were the highly rated Michael Moore and Martin Doyle, playing two of the great players from Ma Dulleas, Keving Webb and Dave Dullea. The pairing from Jacks were inspired on the night for Jack Fordes and went on to win the trophy for their side, with captain and legend Martin Doyle collecting the trophy for the Golden 6 of Jack Fordes.

The Don Association would like to thank Corney Mahony and staff of the Glenryan for the great night.

Next week's meeting to be held in the Glenryan Tavern at 8.30pm.

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2.25 BET365 WOOD DITTON MAIDEN STAKES (PLUS 10)

ITV4 1m 3yo Only Class 3 €10,771	
 1 AL HADEER 9-5.....Jim Crowley — (2) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum	 2 DAMLAJ 9-5.....Dane O'Neill — (4) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: Owen Burrows Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

 3 DESERT ICON 9-5.....James Doyle — (5) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	 5 98-18 KEYSTROKE (39)(T,D) 7-97.....Adam Kirby — (7) Runs: 18 Wins: 6(S,A,G,S) Places: 2 €102,048 Trainer: S C Williams Owner: Gg Thoroughbreds Xi
 4 GEOMATRICIAN 9-5.....David Probert — (7) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: A Balding Owner: Mr David Brownlow	 6 13-55 SIR THOMAS GRESHAM (51)(T*)BF(CD) 4-9-7.....Martin Dwyer 99 (8) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(S) Places: 1 €17,013 Trainer: Tim Pinfield Owner: Happy Get Lucky Syndicate
 5 JUNOOH 9-5.....Ryan Moore — (3) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: Sir M Stoute Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum	 7 1607- TIME'S ARROW (213)(D) 5-9-7.....Daniel Tudhope 106 (2) Runs: 17 Wins: 5(F,A,G) Places: 4 €96,208 Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Mr George Turner & Clipper Logistics
 6 KUNG FU 9-5.....Silvestre De Sousa — (1) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: S Crisford Owner: Mr Hussain Alabbas Looath	 8 2217- YAFTA (242)(CD) 4-9-7.....Jim Crowley 119 (5) Runs: 11 Wins: 4(F,A,G) Places: 5 €120,225 Trainer: R Hannon Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
 7 MUTARAFFA(H*) 9-5.....Richard Kingscote — (9) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: C Hills Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum	
 8 SAMBA SARAVAH 9-5.....Jason Watson — (6) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: J Nosedá Owner: Mrs Susan Roy	
 9 UAE JEWEL 9-5.....Andrea Atzeni — (11) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	
 10 WILD ANIMAL 9-5.....C Soumillon — (8) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: S bin Suuroor Owner: Godolphin	
 11 CAESONIA 9-0.....Jamie Spencer — (12) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: C Hills Owner: Mrs Fiona Williams	
 12 INSPIRATIONAL 9-0.....Daniel Muscutt — (10) Runs: — Wins: — Places: — Trainer: E Dunlop Owner: Cliveden Stud	

2018: Sawwah 9 5, Dane O'Neill 25-1 (Owen Burrows), drawn (19), 19 ran.
Betting: 7-2 Al Hadeer, 4 Uae Jewel, 5 Wild Animal, 6 JunooH, Desert Icon, 14 DamlaJ, 16 Samba Saravah, Mutaraffa, Caesonía, Kung Fu, 25 Others.

3.00 CONNAUGHT ACCESS FLOORING ABERNANT STAKES (GROUP 3)

ITV4 6f 3yo plus Class 1 €37,769	
 1 2824- BRANDO (179)(CD) 7-9-7.....Tom Eaves 122 (6) Runs: 30 Wins: 8(S,F,G,S,G) Places: 11 €958,933 Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Mrs Angie Bailey	 2 1267- DREAMFIELD (235)(BF,C,D) 5-9-7.....James Doyle 112 (1) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(F,G,S) Places: 1 €65,961 Trainer: J Gosden Owner: Godolphin
 3 144-3 EQUILATERAL (18)(BF,D) 4-9-7.....Ryan Moore +138 (3) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(F,G,S) Places: 1 €28,763 Trainer: C Hills Owner: Mr K Abdullah	 4 155-6 GIFTED MASTER (39)(B,CD) 6-9-7.....Jason Watson 118 (4) Runs: 29 Wins: 11(F,A,G,S,G) Places: 2 €836,354 Trainer: H Palmer Owner: Dr Ali Ridha

 5 98-18 KEYSTROKE (39)(T,D) 7-97.....Adam Kirby — (7) Runs: 18 Wins: 6(S,A,G,S) Places: 2 €102,048 Trainer: S C Williams Owner: Gg Thoroughbreds Xi	 6 13-55 SIR THOMAS GRESHAM (51)(T*)BF(CD) 4-9-7.....Martin Dwyer 99 (8) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(S) Places: 1 €17,013 Trainer: Tim Pinfield Owner: Happy Get Lucky Syndicate
 7 1607- TIME'S ARROW (213)(D) 5-9-7.....Daniel Tudhope 106 (2) Runs: 17 Wins: 5(F,A,G) Places: 4 €96,208 Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Mr George Turner & Clipper Logistics	 8 2217- YAFTA (242)(CD) 4-9-7.....Jim Crowley 119 (5) Runs: 11 Wins: 4(F,A,G) Places: 5 €120,225 Trainer: R Hannon Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

2018: Brando 6 9 7, T Eaves 9-2 (K Ryan), drawn (6), 8 ran.
Betting: 6-4 Brando, 3 Dreamfield, 11-2 YafTa, 7 Gifted Master, Equilateral, 20 Time's Arrow, 25 Keystroke, 33 Sir Thomas Gresham.

3.35 BET365 CRAVEN STAKES (GROUP 3)

ITV4 1m 3yo Only Class 1 €37,769	
 1 133- CONFIDING (228) 9-0.....Rob Hornby 96 (7) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(F) Places: 1 €35,173 Trainer: M Meade Owner: Manton Estate Racing	 2 1-1 GLOBAL SPECTRUM (74) 9-0.....Gerald Mosse — (6) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(A) Places: — €8,617 Trainer: Miss G Kellaway Owner: Dr Johny Hon
 3 1-1 JACKSTAR (22)(C) 9-0.....Richard Kingscote — (3) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(A,G,S) Places: — €9,909 Trainer: T Dascombe Owner: Mrs Caroline Ingram	 4 312- MOMKIN (236)(BF) 9-0.....M Guyon 90 (5) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(F) Places: 2 €9,892 Trainer: R Charlton Owner: Prince A A Faisal
 5 135- PRINCE ELIJ (175) 9-0.....Doubtful 115 (9) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(G) Places: — €14,589 Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	 6 611-4 ROYAL MARINE (97)(BFD) 9-0.....C Soumillon +130 (4) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(G,S) Places: — €262,680 Trainer: S bin Suuroor Owner: Godolphin
 7 1-1 SET PIECE (99)(D) 9-0.....Frankie Dettori — (2) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(A) Places: — €11,776 Trainer: H Palmer Owner: Mr K Abdullah	 8 1- SKARDU (201)(C) 9-0.....James Doyle 97 (1) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(F) Places: — €7,181 Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Mr Abdulla Al Khalifa
 9 1251- WATAN (170) 9-0.....Ryan Moore 108 (8) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(G,S,G) Places: 1 €50,024 Trainer: R Hannon Owner: Al Shaqaa Racing	 10 1- ZAKOUSKI (147) 9-0.....William Buick — (10) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(A) Places: — €4,308 Trainer: C Appleby Owner: Godolphin

2018: Masar 9 0, W Buick 7-2 (C Appleby), drawn (3), 6 ran.
Betting: 13-8 Zakouski, 3 Royal Marine, 6 Skardu, 7 Set Piece, 14 Confiding, Watan, Global Spectrum, 20 Momkin, 25 Others.

FAUGH-A-BALLAGH FOXHUNTER	
1.50 BREATH OF AIR	BREATH OF AIR
2.25 UAE JEWEL	JUNOOH
3.00 EQUILATERAL (NB)	DREAMFIELD
3.35 ROYAL MARINE (NAP)	ZAKOUSKI
4.10 CLERISY	SEARCH FOR LIGHT
4.45 EL MISK	EL MISK
5.20 BRIAN EPSTEIN	GALLIC

4.10 ROSSDALES MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (PLUS 10)

1 (1) ARISTOCRATIC LADY S Crisford 9-0 Andrea Atzeni —	2 (3) CALA D'OR Samuel Farrell 9-0 Eoin Walsh —
3 (10) 3- CLERISY (128) (BF) Sir M Stoute 9-0 Ryan Moore —	4 (9) GENTLEWOMAN J Gosden 9-0 Robert Havlin —
5 (12) 2223- HANDMAIDEN (176) J Gosden 9-0 Frankie Dettori +89	6 (6) OJOoba Owen Burrows 9-0 Jim Crowley —
7 (8) 95- PEMPJE (147) A Balding 9-0 David Probert 3	8 (4) 68- QUEEN OF BURGUNDY (153) Mrs C Dunnett 9-0 Joey Haynes —
9 (5) SEARCH FOR LIGHT S bin Suuroor 9-0 C Soumillon —	10 (2) 0- SECRET TREATIES (176) Mrs C Dunnett 9-0 Hayley Turner 51
11 (11) STARLIGHT M Bell 9-0 Jamie Spencer —	12 (7) 7- THAKAA (128) C Hills 9-0 Dane O'Neill —

Betting: 9-4 Handmaiden, 11-4 Clerisy, 6 Search For Light, 7 Gentlewoman, 8 Ojooba, 12 Aristocratic Lady, 16 Others.

4.45 BRITISH EBF BET365 'CONFINED' NOVICE STAKES (PLUS 10)

1m 2f €7,181 3yo Only	1 (5) 1- EIGHTSOME REEL (152) M Bell 9-9 Hayley Turner —	2 (8) 1 EL MISK (16) (D) J Gosden 9-9 Frankie Dettori —	3 (9) 1 ONE VISION (101) (D) C Appleby 9-9 James Doyle —
4 (6) CAPE CAVALLI S Crisford 9-2 Silvestre De Sousa —	5 (2) 6- CATCH MY BREATH (168) R Ryan 9-2 B Doyle +40	6 (3) 2 DOUGHAN ALB (15) R Hannan 9-2 Ryan Moore —	7 (7) 2- JALMOUD (146) (BF) C Appleby 9-2 William Buick —
8 (4) MONS STAR S bin Suuroor 9-2 C Soumillon —	9 (1) 4- VINDOLANDA (137) C Hills 8-11 Jamie Spencer —	Betting: 3 El Misk, 7-2 Jalmoud, 4 One Vision, 6 Doughan Alb, 7 Mons Star, 10 Eightsome Reel, 12 Vindolanda, 16 Others.	

5.20 COATES & SEELY BLANC DE BLANCS HANDICAP

1m €8,617 3yo Only	1 (12) -7058 BURJ (48) (H) S bin Suuroor 9-7 Adam Kirby 77	2 (15) 541- BRIAN EPSTEIN (198) (D) R Hannan 9-7 Tom Marquand 12	3 (7) 4341- GALLIC (180) (D) Ed Walker 9-2 Gerald Mosse 77
4 (14) 041- KARNAVAAL (181) Sir M Stoute 9-5 Jim Crowley 77	5 (3) 521- KAMIKAZE LORD (212) J Nosedá 9-5 Ryan Moore 79	6 (10) 155-4 SELF ASSESSMENT (22) K Burke 9-3 Clifford Lee 72	7 (9) 631-4 HARBOUR SPIRIT (21) R Hughes 9-3 Shane Kelly 63
8 (5) 5937- THE CORPORAL (172) C Wall 9-1 George Wood 93	9 (4) 3419- ARWEEDRAM (161) A King 9-1 William Buick 77	10 (12) 3419- ARCHEAEOLOGY (178) J O'Keefe 9-0 Jamie Spencer +126	11 (11) 143- OVER THE GUNS (197) (V*) K Burke 8-13 Silvestre De Sousa 40
12 (13) 044- GOD HAS GIVEN (191) J Williams 8-13 Richard Kingscote 63	13 (8) 2121- JEM SCUTTLE (144) (T) D Carroll 8-11 Tom Eaves 24	14 (1) 41-66 GOD AT MIDNIGHT (14) (P) W Stone 8-10 David Probert 44	15 (6) 44-0 PURBECK HILLS (126) R Hannan 8-7 Harry Bentley 79

Betting: 7-2 Karnavaal, 11-2 Kamikaze Lord, 7 Gallic, 8 Brian Epstein, 10 Aweedram, Harbour Spirit, Burj, 12 Over The Guns, 16 Others.

DUNDALK (Racing TV) Going: Standard

5.45 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN (PLUS 10)

5f €9,240 2yo Only	1 (1) KING NEPTUNE (Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier) A P O'Brien 9-5 Donnacha O'Brien —	2 (3) 4 LISARD ZARA (19) (Thomas Cooper) T Cooper 9-0 Leigh Roche 25	3 (2) SHINES HER LIGHT (Zhang Yuesheng) J Harrington 9-0 S Foley —	4 (2) 2 YESTERDAYONCEMORE (12) (BF) (Deron Pearson & Mrs P Shanahan & Mrs M V Magnier) J A Stack 9-0 Chris Hayes +35
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Betting: 6-5 Yesterdayoncemore, 6-4 King Neptune, 11-2 Shines Her Light, 8 Lisard Zara.

6.15 HEN & STAG PACKAGES AT DUNDALK STADIUM HANDICAP 5f €6,775 3yo Only

1 (10) 9381- MISS JABEAM (152) (B;CD) (Newtown Downs Syndicate) A A Howard 9-10 Osin Orr (3) 70	2 (7) 40-83 WILL BE KING (47) (M Buckley) Patrick Joseph Hayes 9-10 Tom Madden (3) 66	3 (3) 4222- SUNDANCE STAR (222) (Thomas Molloy) K J Condon 9-9 W J Lee —	4 (9) -7330 COMPTON'S FINALE (18) (Ontawinner Syndicate) A Keatley 9-6 Leigh Roche +80
5 (6) 8530- SUNSET NOVA (180) (Men Of Forty Eight Syndicate) Andrew Slattery 9-5 Ben Coen (5) 44	6 (5) 2581- EMILY GRACE (173) (B;CD) (Paul Cullen) M C Grassick 8-13 Killian Leonard (3) 65	7 (8) 3704- JARROCHO (161) (T*) (City Equine II Syndicate) D Marane 8-12 Mark Gallagher 62	8 (2) 69-68 DANDY BELLE (8) (B*) (Equine XI Syndicate) Richard O'Brien 8-10 Chris Hayes 61
9 (4) 254-3 ASSOCIATE ROCK (26) (H) (Gerard Jude Murphy) Thomas Clarry 8-8 Rory Cleary 70	10 (1) 6377- OLAY POWER (161) (H) (Mrs S Power) E Lynam 8-7 Danny Sheehy (5) 62	Betting: 10-3 Sundance Star, 7-2 Miss Jabeam, 13-2 Emily Grace, 7 Will Be King, Olay Power, 8 Jarrocho, 10 Associate Rock, 12 Others.	

6.45 DUNDALK STADIUM BUSINESS CLUB 2019 CLAIMING RACE 6f €6,160 4yo plus

1 (6) 22210 HATHIB (18) (T*) (James McAuley) D Hogan 5-9-9 Rory Cleary —	2 (1) 380-0 BLUESBREAKER (33) (B;T,C,D) (Singing The Blues Syndicate) Ross O'Sullivan 7-9-4 Ronan Whelan 27
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3 (4) 42439 KASBAH (18) (V;C,D2) (Dooleys & O'Sullivan Partnership) A McGuinness 7-9-4 Colin Keane 85	4 (3) -8223 AR SAOIRSE (19) (BF) (Sheikh The Reins Syndicate) D Marane 4-9-2 Osin Orr (3) 67	5 (5) 745-9 DOWNTOWN DIVA (11) (B) (Jack W Davison) Jack W Davison 4-9-0 Ben Coen (5) 75	6 (2) 25437 YOUR PAL TAL (12) (V;CD3) (Jason McGarron) J F Levins 9-8-13 Wayne Lordan +91
7 (7) -4940 SEANIE (19) (B;CD) (Gary Ryan) K Thornton 10-8-12 D McDonagh 60	Betting: 7-4 Kasbah, 5-2 Hathig, 7 Bluesbreaker, 15-2 Your Pal Tal, 8 Ar Saoirse, Downtown Diva, 16 Seanie.		

7.15 LMFH DUAL RACE NIGHT FRIDAY 3RD MAY HANDICAP (45-70) 7f €6,775 4yo plus

1 (1) 14907 HEE HAW (12) (P;C) (Mark Devlin) A McGuinness 5-10-0 D P Davis (10) 71	2 (10) 12513 NISIOR DONN (8) (T;CD2) (Darren Cahill) G Cromwell 5-10-0 Donagh O'Connor (3) 65	3 (2) 68525 SILK CRAVAT (4) (C2,D) (B Gheoghan) J G Gheoghan 6-10-0 Ben Coen (5) 70	4 (11) 3560- A LIKELY STORY (185) (P;CD) (John P McGovern) T G McCourt 6-9-8 Colin Keane 65
5 (7) -2450 DOLLAR VALUE (26) (P;D) (P Jordan) T G McCourt 4-9-7 Conor Maxwell (3) 71	6 (4) 00-33 FIVEHUNDREDMILES (12) (P*) (Miss Nicole McKenna) J L Lambie 6-9-6 Gavin Ryan (7) 69	7 (12) 660-0 NAILED ON NINA (8) (D) (Maureen Nudds) Patrick Martin 4-9-6 Mark Gallagher —	8 (5) 00-05 PUSHAAQ (33) (H,T) (Miss Rita Shah) Anthony McCann 6-9-5 Danny Sheehy (5) 61
9 (9) 413-5 FOOTSTEPS AT DAWN (12) (T;C) (A Martin) Shane Nolan 4-9-2 Osin Orr (3) 64	10 (6) 007-0 PHOENIX LIGHTNING (8) (T) (Leaveitouthorse Syndicate) Ross O'Sullivan 4-9-0 Wayne Lordan —	11 (8) 485-4 THOMASCHERO (3) (Moylecar Syndicate) Arcanace Cragg 4-8-11 Rory Cleary +84	12 (3) 07575 THREE MAJORS (19) (B;CD) (Miss Rita Shah) Anthony McCann 6-8-6 Killian Leonard (3) 68

Betting: 3 Nisior Donn, 7-2 Fivehundredmiles, 5 Silk Cravat, 7 Footsteps At Dawn, 8 A Likely Story, 14 Three Majors, Dollar Value, 16 Others.

7.45 CROWNE PLAZA RACE & STAY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (45-65) 1m €6,160 3yo plus

1 (3) 82-18 CAUTIOUS APPROACH (18) (CD) (Cautious Approach Syndicate) Richard O'Brien 4-10-0 Donagh O'Connor 66	2 (6) 15320 MULZAMM (8) (CD) (James McAuley) Denis Hogan 7-9-13 J M Sheridan (7) 67	3 (5) 155-2 TENNESSE WALTZ (26) (B;CD) (Ms Melanie Marnane) D Marane 8-9-12 Osin Orr 69	4 (4) 00-80 POETIC CHOICE (12) (B;CD3) (Phoenix Platinum Syndicate) K H Clarke 8-9-8 A C Persse (4) 58
5 (9) 00-95 INGELARA (40) (T) (Miss Sarah O'Brien) P O'Brien 4-9-2 Shane Crosse 69	6 (10) 07-40 RED BLOODEDCRUISER (14) (Red Green & White Syndicate) Shane Nolan 3-9-1 Tom Madden 66	7 (2) -6466 LADY ROSEBUD (12) (CD3) (Derek Molloy) Patrick Martin 5-8-13 Gavin Ryan (4) 67	8 (8) 690-4 ALL THE MOLLIES (12) (Go Golfin Syndicate) Mrs D Loe 5-8-12 Killian Leonard 62
9 (1) 0-000 ROCKFALL (42) (B) (J A Nash) J Nash 4-9-10 C G O'Dwyer (7) 37	10 (7) 06-85 FILM NOIR (33) (B) (Sarah Lynam & Ms Aileen Lynam) S Lynam 3-8-7 Danny Sheehy +71	Betting: 3 Mulzamm, 7-2 Ingelara, 9-2 Tennessee Waltz, 5 All The Mollies, 8 Cautious Approach, 10 Lady Rosebud, 12 Red Bloodedcruiser, 14 Film Noir, 20 Others.	

8.15 AVENUE INN MAIDEN 1m 3f €7,700 3yo Only

1 (3) 07-3 DUNKIRK HARBOUR (18) (Mrs John Magnier & M Tabor & Derrick Smith) A P O'Brien 9-5 Donnacha O'Brien —	2 (5) 00-0 LETHAL ENDEAVOUR (10) (Brendan O'Sullivan) Andrew Slattery 9-5 Ben Coen (5) —	3 (2) 3-2 PEARLMAN (26) (Godolphin) M Halford 9-5 Ronan Whelan +104	4 (1) LADY OF LUXURY (260) (Jeffrey Fox) M McNiff 9-0 Leigh Roche —
5 (4) 03- MALLACOOTA (172) (R Scarborough) Mrs J Harrington 9-0 Shane Foley —	Betting: 13-8 Dunkirk Harbour, 7-4 Mallacoota, 2 Pearلمان, 25 Lady Of Luxury, 33 Lethal Endeavour.		

TOMMY LYONS NEXT BEST	
5.45 YESTERDAYONCEMORE (NAP)	KING NEPTUNE
6.15 OLAY POWER (NB)	SUNDANCE STAR
6.45 KASBAH	HATHIQ
7.15 FOOTSTEPS AT DAWN	SILK CRAVAT
7.45 RED BLOODEDCRUISER	CAUTIOUS APPROACH
8.15 DUNKIRK HARBOUR	PEARLMAN
8.45 MISTINESS	DAYEREH

8.45 DUNDALK STADIUM - LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHT HANDICAP (45-65) 1m 4f €6,160 4yo plus

14	5353	ALCANDER (26) (T;CD) (Madfish Racing Club)	Francis J Flood 6-10-0	Kevin Manning +72	
2	4	08045	ROCKFISH (3) (P;C) (J Cardly)	J P O'Brien 4-9-13	H J Horgan (10) 60
3	7	23-80	EARL OF BUNNACRAVY (18) (Exors of the late Mrs Nora Lynch)	G Cromwell 5-9-12	Gary Carroll 68
4	9	0743	BRUINNEAL (497) (Mrs K F Cleary)	Thomas Cleary 5-9-11	Rory Cleary —
5	8	50-07	GLENBANK KING (3) (B;D) (Victor Robinson)	L Smyth 11-9-9	Conor Maxwell (3) 51
6	3	789-9	LEAN AND KEEN (J31) (B*;C) (Seamus McConnon)	S Byrne 9-9-5	Tom Madden (3) —
7	2	62323	SHARJAH (3) (B;CD3) (Mrs S Slattery)	Andrew Slattery 9-9-5	A J Slattery (7) 67
8	10	88-96	JAZZY J (3) (T) (Ballythayfordrinkintae Syndicate)	Anthony McCann 4-9-4	Danny Sheehy (5) 61
9	13	910-3	MISTINESS (12) (B) (Phoenix Platinum Syndicate)	K H Clarke 8-9-3	Robbie Colgan 67
10	12	7-155	MISS LOUISE (12) (CD) (A Casey)	Mrs D Loe 4-9-1	K Leonard (3) 66
11	1	-6434	DAYEREH (12) (T) (Queen Maeve Racing Club)	M McNiff 5-9-0	D McDonagh 66
12	11	/09-9	SHOOPLY (103) (D) (Miss Natalia Lupini)	N Lupini 6-9-0	S Foley 49
13	5	3880-	LADY MAGDALA (J25) (P) (An Sti Beatha Syndicate)	P McCreery 5-8-8	Leigh Roche —
14	6	00-00	LANGHAM (5) (B) (G Buggle)	D J Barry 6-8-8	Nathan Crosse (7) 46
Betting: 10-3 Sharjah, 9-2 Mistiness, Dayereh, 6 Alcantar, 13-2 Miss Louise, 8 Rockfish, 14 Lean And Keen, 20 Others.					

CHELTENHAM (Racing TV) Going: Good

2.05 CITIPOST NOVICES' HURDLE 2m 4f £13,742 4yo plus

1	34111	DASHEL DRASHER (26)	J Scott 6-11-8	M Griffiths	146
2	25120	ASK DILLON (35)	F O'Brien 6-11-4	Paddy Brennan	150
3	11181	ASK WILLOW (13)	(D) P Hobbs 6-11-4	R Johnson	*151
4	-1411	DR SANDERSON (16)	(D) P Nicholls 5-11-4	Harry Cobden	145
5	31134	MILL GREEN (39)	N Henderson 7-11-4	Nico De Boinville	148
6	14220	THISTLE DO NICELY (33)	J Snowden 5-11-4	Gavin Sheehan	147
7	1	BUZZ DE TURCOING (136)	(T*) S Drinkwater 5-11-0	Sam Twiston-Davies	—
8	692	COTSWOLD PRINCE (46)	M Keighley 4-10-8	H Stock	132

2018: Diese Des Bieffes 5 11 4, N Fehily 5-2 Fav (N Henderson), 14 ran. Betting: 11-4 Cotswold Way, 4 Dashed Drasher, 9-2 Dr Sanderson, 11-2 Ask Dillon, 6 Thistle Do Nicely, 13-2 Mill Green, 20 Others.

2.40 SILVER TROPHY CHASE (GRADE 2 LIMITED HANDICAP) ITV4 2m 5f £37,476 5yo plus

1	-1112	IMPERIAL PRESENCE (219)	(BF) P Hobbs 8-11-10	R Johnson	137
2	-144P	MISTER WHITAKER (36)	(P*,BF,CD) M Channon 7-11-9	Jonathan Burke	148
3	22117	WENYERREADYFREDDIE (109)	(BF) N Henderson 8-11-8	Nico De Boinville	154
4	5-240	TREE OF LIBERTY (33)	Kerry Lee 7-11-5	Richard Patrick (3)	*162
5	14320	HIGHWAY ONE O ONE (36)	C Gordon 7-11-5	T Cannon	156
6	2472	RENE'S GIRL (109)	(D) D Skelton 9-11-4	Harry Skelton	157
7	P5123	GOT AWAY (25)	(PT) O Sherwood 6-10-11	Leighton Aspell	156
8	714-4	TIQUER (130)	A Jones 11-10-4	Tom O'Brien	153
9	-5011	KINGS MONARCH (39)	(D) Kerry Lee 6-10-4	Jamie Moore	151

2018: Traffic Fluids 8 10 4, Joshua Moore 13-2 Fav (G L Moore), 16 ran. Betting: 4 Rene's Girl, 9-2 Mister Whitaker, 5 Kings Monarch, Wenyereadyfreddie, 6 Highway One O One, 13-2 Others.

3.15 KINGSTON STUD HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 4f £17,177 4yo plus

1	3P214	UNION (60)	J Scott 9-11-12	M Griffiths	148
2	-1432	JENKINS (23)	(B) N Henderson 7-11-11	David Bass	—

BEVERLEY (Racing TV) Going: Good to firm-good in places

2.15 ACEODDS.COM EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 1) 5f £4,477 2yo Only

1	(11)	THE GINGER BULLET	R Fahy 9-5	Paul Hanagan	—
2	(10)	COCK ROBIN	K Ryan 9-4	Kevin Stott	—
3	(3)	BIRDIE BOWERS	M Dods 9-3	Paul Mulrennan	—
4	(8)	CHOCOLIC B	Smart 9-3	Graham Lee	—
5	(4)	TONGUIN VALLEY	B Ellison 9-3	K Schofield (7)	—
6	(9)	O HELL OF A JOKER (18)	(P*) W G Turner 9-2	R White (5)	—
7	(2)	62 BIRKENHEAD (15)	(BF) M Channon 9-1	Callum Shepherd	*25
8	(7)	HOVINGHAM	N Tinkler 9-1	Rowan Scott (3)	—
9	(6)	4 LEAVE EM ALONE (9)	P Evans 8-11	J Fahy	—
10	(5)	SASSY LASSY	David Loughnane 8-11	T Whelan	—
11	(1)	2 BETTYS HOPE (14)	B Millman 8-10	Joe Fanning	—

Betting: 2 Birkenhead, 7-2 Bettys Hope, 13-2 Leave Em Alone, 8 The Ginger Bullet, 10 Birdie Bowers, 12 Cock Robin, 14 Others.

2.50 ACEODDS.COM EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 2) 5f £4,477 2yo Only

1	(2)	4 GIN GEMBRE (9)	K Burke 9-5	Ben Curtis	*23
2	(5)	TROUBADOR	M Dods 9-3	Paul Mulrennan	—
3	(10)	COMEATCHOO	T Easterby 9-2	David Allan	—
4	(4)	NODDY SHUFFLE	M W Easterby 9-2	Nathan Evans	—
5	(1)	PUERTO SOL	B Ellison 9-2	Ben Robinson (3)	—
6	(3)	RODNEE TEE	D O'Meara 9-2	C McGovern (3)	—
7	(9)	JAKODOBRO	B Smart 9-1	Graham Lee	—
8	(6)	6 LILL WEN FACH (9)	P Evans 8-12	J Fahy	—
9	(8)	NOSTALGIC AIR	M R Carr 8-11	James Sullivan	—
10	(7)	VODKA DAWN	Phillip Makin 8-11	Sam James	—

Betting: 9-4 Gin Gembre, 4 Lill Wen Fach, 11-2 Rodnee Tee, 6 Troubador, 8 Puerto Sol, 12 Comeatchoo, 16 Vodka Dawn, Jakodobro, 20 Others.

3.25 FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT BEVERLEY RACES HANDICAP 1m 2f £6,015 3yo Only

1	(1)	3231- GABRIAL THE ONE (177)	R Fahy 9-7	Sean Davis (5)	*76
2	(3)	5553- FRASER ISLAND (146)	M Johnston 9-9	Joe Fanning	57
3	(4)	8-31 BOUTONNIERE (35)	(D) A Balding 9-5	Joshua Bryan (3)	—
4	(6)	5426- WHISKEY AND WATER (22)	(BF) B Ellison 9-0	Ben Robinson (3)	15
5	(5)	4344- HOFFA (194)	M Dods 8-12	Paul Mulrennan	62
6	(2)	3837- SIMON'S SMILE (145)	K Burke 8-9	Ben Curtis	—

Betting: 9-4 Boutonniere, 5-2 Gabriel The One, 7-2 Whiskey And Water, 6 Fraser Island, 10 Hoffa, 12 Simon's Smile.

4.00 ARGRAIN LTD REMEMBERING LAURA BARRY HANDICAP 7f £6,015 3yo Only

1	(5)	731-2 ATTAINMENT (7)	(BF,D) J Tate 9-7	David Allan	46
2	(8)	628-1 OLOROSO (25)	(D) A Balding 9-6	Joshua Bryan (3)	—
3	(2)	006-2 PACINO (21)	R Fahy 9-5	Tony Hamilton	59
4	(7)	2215- AXE AXELROD (217)	M Dods 9-5	Paul Mulrennan	57
5	(3)	210-7 AZOR AHAI (21)	M Channon 9-5	Callum Shepherd	—
6	(4)	254-1 CITY TOUR (15)	(D) M Johnston 9-4	Joe Fanning	73
7	(6)	303-2 LIGHTNING ATTACK (15)	(P) R Fahy 9-4	Paul Hanagan	*74
8	(9)	2247- STROMSAY (48)	(B) Smart 9-2	Graham Lee	74
9	(10)	061-6 JACKAMUNDO (15)	(D) D Carroll 9-0	Kevin Stott	72
10	(1)	5475- PEARL OF QATAR (208)	(C) B Ellison 8-10	Ben Robinson (3)	47

Betting: 7-2 Oloroso, 4 Attainment, 5 Lightning Attack, 6 Pacino, City Tour, 10 Axe Axelrod, 14 Azor Ahai, Jackamundo, 16 Others.

4.35 HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY MY SPECIAL MUM KATHIE HANDICAP 5f £8,292 4yo plus

1	(2)	112-4 SANDRA'S SECRET (2)	(D) J L Eyle 6-9-10	Cieren Fallon (7)	*136
2	(5)	3243- WENTWORTH FALLS (214)	(D) G Harker 7-9-7	David Allan	115
3	(4)	2430- LINE OF REASON (172)	(D) P Midgley 9-9-7	Joe Fanning	131
4	(3)	23-76 TERUNTUM STAR (89)	(D) K Ryan 7-9-6	Kevin Stott	103

3	22261	I'M A GAME CHANGER (109)	P Hobbs 7-11-9	R Johnson	149
4	1P-81	LE PATRIOTE (165)	(P) Dr R Newland 7-11-8	Sam Twiston-Davies	141
5	41100	FIDUX (57)	A King 6-11-8	Wayne Hutchinson	141
6	2-859	RATHER BE (53)	(T*,D2) N Henderson 8-11-6	Jeremiah McGrath	—
7	1/1-3	ESPOIR DE TEILLEE (24)	T R George 7-11-3	Jonathan Burke	148
8	1P009	GOLDEN BIRTHDAY (137)	(T) H Fry 8-11-0	Sean Bowen	129
9	18-23	GOWITHETHEFLOW (85)	B Pauling 6-10-12	Nico De Boinville	—
10	-42U9	NO HASSLE HOFF (74)	D Skelton 7-10-12	Daryl Jacob	—
11	13111	MAC TOTTIE (194)	(H,T,D) P Bowen 6-10-12	James Bowen	137
12	4252U	HONEST VIC (32)	(B*) H Daly 6-10-6	Richard Patrick (3)	*155
13	14350	LUNGARNO PALACE (74)	F O'Brien 8-10-6	Alain Cawley	148
14	55130	DUARIGLE (32)	(D) P Henderson 7-10-5	Paddy Brennan	149
15	1314	BACK ON THE LASH (21)	M Keighley 5-10-2	Aidan Coleman	148

2018: Champagne Express 8 10 2, J Bowen(3) 16-1 (N Henderson), 22 ran. Betting: 11-2 Espoir De Teillee, 13-2 I'm A Game Changer, 7 No Hassle Hoff, 8 Honest Vic, 10 Rather Be, Gowithetheflow, Le Patriote, 12 Others.

3.50 ARKELLS BREWERY NICHOLSON HOLMAN CHASE 3m 1f £12,024 5yo plus

1	12441	TANARPINO (18)	(V) Jennie Candlish 8-11-8	Sean Quinlan	139
2	82381	BOB MAHLER (26)	(P) W Greetre 7-11-7	R Johnson	*143
3	P2231	LITTLE BRUCE (45)	(P) P Kirby 7-11-7	Thomas Dowson (3)	139
4	-3004	CLONDAV CIAN (36)	(P,C) Mrs S Leech 9-11-5	Connor Brace (7)	127
5	2F522	LITHIC (43)	(V) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-5	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.(3)	140
6	2-22P	DARIUS DES BOIS (61)	(BF) N Henderson 6-11-3	Sean Bowen	140
7	11716	SOLISTE STAR (32)	(PT,C,D) M Keighley 9-11-2	Sam Twiston-Davies	138
8	13211	MINELLA FOR ME (32)	(T) T R George 9-11-2	Jonathan Burke	139
9	-0351	THE DELLERCHECKOUT (48)	(B,T) P Nicholls 6-11-0	Harry Cobden	138
10	-715P	DUKE DEBARRY (45)	(D) N Henderson 8-11-0	Nico De Boinville	140
11	0111F	LORD GETAWAY (34)	(P*,BF) H Evans 7-10-8	Leighton Aspell	143
12	26312	TIKK TOKK BOOM (7)	(P,B,F) J Williams 7-10-3	Tom O'Brien	129
13	52141	FIFTY SHADES (7)	(P*) Christian Williams 6-10-3	J Bowen	131

2018: Winter Lion 8 10 12, P Brennan 8-1 (F O'Brien), 11 ran. Betting: 11-2 The Dellerccheckout, 6 Minella For Me, 13-2 Bob Mahler, 8 Darius Des Bois, Tanarpino, Lithic, 10 Others.

4.25 SAFRAN LANDERS SYSTEMS HANDICAP HURDLE 3m £13,742 4yo plus

1	30031	WHO'S MY JOCKEY (46)	(P;D) P Hobbs 6-11-12	R Johnson	144
2	41248	THOMAS CAMPBELL (54)	(P,BF,CD) N Henderson 7-11-12	Connor Brace (7)	*151
3	11339	FIRST ASSIGNMENT (34)	(CD) J Williams 6-11-10	Edward Austin (7)	146
4	49P22	TOBEFAIR (34)	(D4) Mrs D Hamer 9-11-10	Thomas Bellamy	145
5	-6110	AARON LAD (34)	(CD) Dr R Newland 8-11-9	Charlie Hammond (3)	145
6	2-FU7	CHAMERON (106)	(B*) P Nicholls 6-11-8	Harry Cobden	136
7	21460	ROCKPOINT (33)	(CD) C Tizzard 6-11-4	Tom Scudamore	146
8	1F-P2	SIR IVAN (24)	(T,D) H Fry 9-11-4	Sean Bowen	147
9	-9331	OCEAN COVE (98)	(P;D) F O'Brien 7-11-1	Paddy Brennan	146
10	64423	DANS LE VENT (27)	(B) J Snowden 6-11-0	Gavin Sheehan	146
11	-P511	THE WELSH PADDIES (18)	(P) Kerry Lee 7-10-13	Richard Patrick (3)	146

12	03683	GOODYE DANCER (38)	N Twiston-Davies 8-10-12	Sam Twiston-Davies	147
13	27121	COPPER GONE WEST (25)	(D) T Vaughan 6-10-7	Alan Johns	146
14	01162	SKIPTHECALES (29)	(P;D3) P Kirby 7-10-5	Thomas Dowson (3)	146
15	2F821	REVE (54)	(H,T) M Keighley 5-10-5	Leighton Aspell	143
16	57221	BROUGHTONS ADMIRAL (F32)	(B) A Ralph 5-10-2	Lee Edwards	148

2018: Monbeg Theatre 9 10 4, Page Fuller(5) 20-1 (J Snowden), 23 ran. Betting: 7 Tobefair, 8 Who's My Jockey, First Assignment, 10 Sir Ivan, Copper Gone West, Ocean Cove, The Welsh Paddies, 12 Others.

5.00 WEATHERIE HANDICAP CHASE 3m 2f £17,177 5yo plus

1	12135	ROCKY'S TREASURE (46)	(BF) K Bailey 8-11-12	David Bass	153
2	-4362	DINGO DOLLAR (46)	(P;D) A King 7-11-12	Wayne Hutchinson	151
3	4P715	COBRA DE MAI (25)	(PT) D Skelton 7-11-7	Harry Skelton	150
4	33192	ALLELU ALLELUIA (27)	(B) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-3	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.(3)	151
5	F5715	DAWSON CITY (32)	(D) P Gundry 10-11-3	Thomas Bellamy	152
6	0P63P	PERFECT CANDIDATE (34)	(P;CD) F O'Brien 12-11-2	P Brennan	151
7	9PUD0	HENRYVILLE (12)	(C) P Bowen 7-11-13	Sean Bowen	*154
8	P-2P2	SOMEWHERE TO BE (110)	(P) M Keighley 7-10-9	L Aspell	146

SOUTHWELL (Sky Sports Racing) Going: Standard

6.00 BETWAY LIVE CASINO HANDICAP 1m 4f £3,447 4yo plus

1	(8)	6-526 MUNDERSFIELD (46)	(H) D M Simcock 5-9-7	Dylan Hogan (5)	68
2	(5)	44678 RED TOUCH (14)	(V;C2) M Appleby 7-9-7	Alistair Rawlinson	57
3	(10)	5-477 PANATOS (18)	A Dunn 4-9-6	Rossa Ryan	56
4	(13)	2649- INTERMODAL (126)	(P*) Julia Brooke 5-9-5	Harrison Shaw (5)	68
5	(4)	4255- MOTAHASSEN (168)	D Carroll 5-9-5	Jason Hart	39
6	(1)	80-80 LET'S BE HAPPY (36)	(D2) Miss M Rowland 5-9-4	W Cox (3)	62
7	(12)	079-9 PLACE DES VOSGES (17)	(P*) T D Menuisier 4-9-4	P J McDonald	39
8	(11)	21-53 QUILA SAEDA (14)	M Appleby 5-9-4	Theodore Ladd (5)	59
9	(7)	24236 CONTINGENCY FEE (7)	(H,P) P McEntee 4-9-2	Grace McEntee (7)	*72
10	(14)	06-0 FOUR MILE BEACH (J14)	M Chapman 6-9-2	Rachel Richardson	17
11	(6)	02614 GOING NATIVE (18)	(CD) Olly Williams 4-9-1	Rhona Pindar (7)	67
12	(2)	8-68 ZAHRAALI (74)	J R Jenkins 4-8-11	Kieran O'Neill	58
13	(9)	32727 SCHINDLERS ARK (14)	J Chapple-Hyam 5-9-9	Charlie Bennett	66
14	(3)	55-22 THE CORNISHBARRON (14)	B Ellison 7-8-9	Cam Hardie	68

2018: No corresponding meeting. Betting: 9-2 The Cornishbarron, 5 Contingency Fee, 6 Motahassen, 7 Mundersfield, Schindlers Ark, 10 Going Native, 12 Intermodal, Quila Saeda, Place Des Vosges, 14 Others.

6.30 SUNRACING.CO.UK HANDICAP 1m 4f,165 4yo plus

1	(10)	268-1 CASEMENT (8)	(D2) M Appleby 5-9-9(Sex)	Alistair Rawlinson	—
2	(4)	317-4 MUJASSAM (13)	(B,C;D2) D O'Meara 7-9-7	Daniel Tudhope	*91
3	(7)	32727 MAMA AFRICA (14)	(CD) T D Barron 5-9-7	Jane Elliott (3)	84
4	(11)	83642 GLORY AWAITs (16)	(B;D3) D M Simcock 9-9-7	Dylan Hogan (5)	82
5	(2)	1-244 TAGUR (21)	(P;CD2) K Ryan 5-9-4	T Greetre (5)	84
6	(3)	54232 MAJESTIC MOON (14)	(P;CD) Miss J Feilden 9-9-2	Shelley Birkett	82
7	(1)	-3672 MR CARBONATOR (8)	(CD2) P Kirby 4-8-12	Jamie Gormley (3)	85
8	(8)	87761 MUQUARRED (14)	(P;CD4) Roger Fell 7-8-10	Graham Lee	82
9	(9)	23447 BOND ANGEL (9)	(CD) P Evans 4-8-10	Theodore Ladd (5)	84
10	(5)	-0404 LAQAB (7)	D Shaw 6-8-10	Patrick Mathers	82
11	(6)	14313 THUNDER BUDDY (18)	(P;BF,C2) K Burke 4-8-9	Rhona Pindar (7)	82

Betting: 11-4 Casement, 6 Muquarred, 7 Tagur, 8 Thunder Buddy, Mr Carbonator, Glory Awaits, 10 Mama Africa, 12 Majestic Moon, 14 Others.

7.00 BETWAY HANDICAP 5f £6,139 4yo plus

1	(6)	7-418 MIDNIGHT MALIBU (73)	(CD3) T Easterby 6-9-7	Rachel Richardson	92
2	(4)	4993- JABBAROCKIE (193)	(CD) E Alston 6-9-0	Jason Hart	77
3	(1)	3468- ONLY SPOOFING (146)	(D4) J O'Keefe 5-9-0	Sean Davis (5)	85
4	(7)	12122 WARRIOR'S VALLEY (13)	(T;BF,CD3)	D C Griffiths 4-8-12	Phil Dennis *94
5	(3)	57598 CLASSIC PURSUIT (16)	(B;CD) Stef Keniry 8-8-11	Liam Keniry	84
6	(2)	4853- SHOW PALACE (161)	(D10) Jennie Candlish 6-8-11	Connor Beasley	—
7	(8)	13631 MININGGOLD (13)	(P;CD3) M Dods 6-8-9	Paula Muir (5)	92
8	(5)	47424 SAMOVAR (34)	(B;CD2) S Dixon 4-8-7	Kieran O'Neill	88

Betting: 3 Minninggold, 4 Jabbarockie, 9-2 Warrior's Valley, 5 Show Palace, 7 Midnight Malibu, 8 Samovar, 10 Only Spooing, 25 Classic Pursuit.

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FAUGH-A-BALLAGH FOXHUNTER

2.05	DR SANDERSON	COTSWOLD WAY
2.40	RENE'S GIRL	RENE'S GIRL (NB)
3.15	LE PATRIOTE	RATHER BE
3.50	TANARPINO	LITHIC
4.25	WHO'S MY JOCKEY	TOBEFAIR
5.00	ROCKY'S TREASURE	ALLELU ALLELUIA
5.30	STORM RISING	INNOCENT TOUCH

9 724% MARQUIS OF CARABAS (204) David Dennis 9-10-7

2018: Another Hero 9 10 7, B J Geraghty 8-1 (Jonjo O'Neill), 13 ran. Betting: 2 Dingo Dollar, 5 Rocky's Treasure, 6 Allevu Allevuia, 7 Somewhere To Be, 8 Dawson City, 10 Others.

Marine can win Craven battle

■ David Clough

Royal Marine can make a success of his retrieval mission in the bet365 Craven Stakes at Newmarket today.

Saeed bin Suroor's colt was all the rage for his Dubai expedition in January when he tested the water after his Group 1 juvenile victory in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at ParisLongchamp.

Something did not agree with him in the desert, though, because he trailed in a well-beaten fourth after being sent off an odds-on favourite.

Scroll on three months from that UAE Guineas Trial, and Royal Marine puts his credentials on the line this time for the first Classic of the domestic season.

He does so, inevitably, against a clutch of unexposed rivals whose unbeaten profiles are sure to be persuasive for many.

The instinct is so often to side with untapped potential at this time of year — while memories of Royal Marine's unequal struggle with the desert dirt will remain off-putting for some.

They ensure, too, that he will go off at tempting odds to beat likely favourite Zakouski, in the same ownership.

Any one of several others could turn out to be the real deal, of course, but Royal Marine is the one with the Group-winning CV his opponents have yet to match.

Equilateral is another for whom recent disappointment — and one or two more historical too — is no recommendation in another Group 3 contest on the card, the Connaught Access Flooring Abernant Stakes.

Always well-touted and yet to deliver with any consistency, Charlie Hills' four-year-old fell short again on his first run of the season at Doncaster.

Setting aside the lofty expectations which preceded his Listed return, however, Equilateral produced a perfectly plausible performance.

On official ratings, he has next to no chance off level weights here. But

on the assumption well-versed connections are not terminally mistaken about his ability, he should prove up to this class at some point — and also has a fitness edge on the majority of the field.

Elsewhere on the Flat, Beverley provides the turf option and an opportunity for Boutonniere to strike on handicap debut.

Andrew Balding's three-year-old will also be stepping off the all-weather for the first time, having improved enough in three runs to see off an even-money favourite by a head at Lingfield last time.

His victim has easily won a maiden since, rubber-stamping Boutonniere's claims off his opening mark.

The Fibresand will be flying at Southwell, and Inspired Thought should be too in the Betway Heed Your Hunch Novice Stakes.

Archie Watson's filly did what she was expected to do by winning on debut two weeks ago — and the convincing manner of that course-and-distance success indicated plenty more to come.

Slightly sneakier feelings are harboured about Quila Saeda in the opening Betway Live Casino Handicap.

The canny Mick Appleby is gradually attuning the ex-German mare to current requirements, and a 4lb drop for an acceptable effort here at her second attempt in this country will do no harm over this extra furlong.

Over jumps, the highlight on day one of Cheltenham's April meeting is the Grade Two Cure Parkinson's And Hambo Foundation Silver Trophy Chase.

The prolific Dan and Harry Skelton might easily have directed their mare Rene's Girl towards an easier target as she returns from a four-month absence.

The lightly-raced nine-year-old has some fine form to her name, remains well-treated on the best of it, and can demonstrate that she is very much at home on this spring ground.

Tanarpino is another who will have conditions to his liking in the Arkells Brewery Nicholson Holman Chase.



Click On and Oisin Murphy, right, get the better of Walkinthesand and Tom Marquand to win the bet365 Feilden Stakes on day one of the bet365 Craven Meeting at Newmarket yesterday.

Picture: Mike Egerton/PA

Jennie Candlish's eight-year-old ran well in this same race 12 months ago and returns in fine form after his second chasing win at Uttoxeter late last month.

He is up 8lb for that decisive success in a first-time visor, and therefore saddled with top-weight, but has earned it.

SELECTIONS

BEVERLEY: 2.15 The Ginger Bullet, 2.50 Gin Gembre, 3.25 Boutonniere, 4.00 City Tour, 4.35 Airshow, 5.10 Archive, 5.40 Kingdom Brunel, 6.10 Bubbly.

CHELTHENHAM: 2.05 Dr Sanderson, 2.40 Rene's Girl, 3.15 Le Patriote, 3.50 Tanarpino, 4.25 Who's My Jockey, 5.00 Rocky's Treasure, 5.30 Storm Rising.

DUNDALK: 5.45 Yesterdayoncemore, 6.15 Sund-

ance Star, 6.45 Ar Saoirse, 7.15 Fivehundredmiles, 7.45 Ingelara, 8.15 Pearلمان, 8.45 Mistiness.

NEWMARKET: 1.50 Breath Of Air, 2.25 UAE Jewel, 3.00 Equilateral, 3.35 ROYAL MARINE (NAP), 4.10 Clerisy, 4.45 El Misk, 5.20 Brian Epstein.

SOUTHWELL: 6.00 Quila Saeda, 6.30 Casement, 7.00 Mininggold, 7.30 Ripplet, 8.00 Inspired Thought, 8.30 Deconso.

QUADPOT: Dividend: €3.20

GOING: Good to firm-good in places

NEWMARKET

1.15 3yo Only 1m

1 Maqsad (FR) (Siyouni (FR)-Amerique (IRE)) 9-0 Jim Crowley 6-4 fav. 2 Twist 'n' Shake (Kingsman-Hippy Hippy Shake) 9-0 Frankie Dettori 2-1. 3 Artistic Streak (New Approach (IRE)-Artisti) 9-0 Richard Kingscote 14-1. (10 ran) shd, 9/1, 1/4l, 1/4l, 4l. W Haggas, Newmarket. Tote: win €2.40; places €1.20, €1.20, €2.60. Exacta: €6.00. Trifecta: €37.10. CSF: €4.34.

1.50 4yo plus 6f H'cap

1 Flavius Titus (Lethal Force (IRE)-Furbelow) 4-9-1 Andrea Atzeni 8-1. 2 Summerhand (IRE) (Lope De Vega (IRE)-Kate The Great) 5-9-7 Daniel Tudhope 8-1. 3 Green Power (Kheylef (USA)-Hakuraa (IRE)) 4-9-5 Ryan Moore 7-1 fav. (15 ran) nk, nk, 1/4l, 1/4l, 1/2l. R Varian, Newmarket. Tote: win €8.60; places €2.50, €3.30, €2.50. Exacta: €89.90. Tricasta: €489.63. Trifecta: €677.80. CSF: €67.28.

2.25 3yo Only 7f H'cap

1 Shine So Bright (Oasis Dream-Alla Speranza) 9-3 Silvestre De Sousa 5-2. 2 Space Traveller (Bated Breath-Sky Crystal (GER)) 8-13 Daniel Tudhope 10-1. 3 Azane (Oasis Dream-Azanara (IRE)) 9-1 Frankie Dettori 2-1 fav. (7 ran) 1/4l, 3/4l, 1/4l, 4/4l, 3l. A. Balding, Kingsclere. Tote: win €3.30; places €1.60, €4.40. Exacta: €22.70. Trifecta: €83.40. CSF: €25.74.

3.00 3yo Only 1m 1f

1 Kick On (Charm Spirit (IRE)-Marika) 9-0 Oisin Murphy 2-1. 2 Walkinthesand (IRE) (Footstepsintunes-And Massera (IRE)) 9-0 Tom Marquand 14-1. 3 Boerhan (Sea The Stars (IRE)-Greenland (IRE)) 9-0 James Doyle 13-2.

(6 ran) nk, 4/4l, 1l, 6l, 10l. J Gosden, Newmarket. Also: 6-4 fav Western Australia (IRE). Tote: win €2.90; places €2.90, €3.90. Exacta: €25.00. Trifecta: €97.00. CSF: €27.29. Non-runner: Spanish Mission.

3.35 3yo Only 7f

1 Qabala (USA) (Scat Daddy (USA)-Entwine (USA)) 9-0 David Egan 10-3 fav. 2 Mot Juste (USA) (Distorted Humor (USA)-Time On) 9-0 Andrea Atzeni 7-1. 3 Angel's Hideaway (IRE) (Dark Angel (IRE)-The Hermitage (IRE)) 9-0 Robert Havlin 9-2. (11 ran) 1/4l, 1/4l, 1l, shd, 3/4l. R Varian, Newmarket. Tote: win €4.30; places €1.80, €2.20, €2.40. Exacta: €26.50. Trifecta: €141.40. CSF: €25.78.

4.10 2yo Only 5f

Chasing Dreams (Starspangledbanner (AUS)-A Huge Dream (IRE)) 9-0 William Buick 4-9 fav. 2 Good Vibes (Due Diligence (USA)-Satsuma) 9-0 Oisin Murphy 12-1. 3 Kemble (IRE) (Kodiac-Cherrington (IRE)) 9-0 Sean Levey 7-2. (5 ran) 5l, 2/4l, 6l, 8l. C Appleby, Newmarket. Tote: win €1.30; places €1.10, €3.90. Exacta: €6.30. Trifecta: €11.50. CSF: €7.10. Non-runner: Aroha.

4.45 3yo Only 1m

1 Lavender's Blue (IRE) (Sea The Stars (IRE)-Beatrice Aurore (IRE)) 9-0 Robert Havlin 3-1. 2 Maamora (IRE) (Dubawi (IRE)-Zoozraa) 9-0 Silvestre De Sousa 2-1 fav. 3 Alandalas (Invincible Spirit (IRE)-Ghanaati (USA)) 9-0 Jim Crowley 11-4. (9 ran) 2/4l, 4/4l, 6l, 1/4l, 3l. Mrs A Perrett, Pulborough. Tote: win €4.10; places €1.30, €1.10, €2.00. Exacta: €10.20. Trifecta: €28.10. CSF: €9.26. Non-runner: Fast Strike.

5.20 3yo Only 1m 2f H'cap

1 Solid Stone (IRE) (Shamardal (USA)-Landmark (USA)) 8-11 Ryan Moore 9-4 fav. 2 War Tiger (USA) (War Front (USA)-Quarter Moon (IRE)) 8-12 Tony

Hamilton 3-1. 3 Never Do Nothing (IRE) (Casamento (IRE)-Purple Tigress) 8-9 Oisin Murphy 7-2. (5 ran) 1/4l, 2/4l, 1/4l, 1/4l. Sir M Stoute, Newmarket. Tote: win €2.90; places €1.60, €1.60. Exacta: €9.00. Trifecta: €25.50. CSF: €9.38.

PLACEPOT: Dividend: €53.10

QUADPOT: Dividend: €13.40

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING: Standard

5.45 4yo plus 1m 1f H'cap

1 Amor Fati (IRE) (Zoffany (IRE)-Roman Love (IRE)) 4-9-6 Nicola Currie 11-4 jfav. 2 Aqua Libre (Aqlaam-Befree) 6-9-6 Joe Fanning 15-2. 3 Captain Marmalade (IRE) (Duke Of Marmalade (IRE)-Elisium) 7-8-7 Thore Hansen 100-1. (11 ran) nk, 1l, hd, nk, 1/4l. P. Evans, Abergavenny. Also: 11-4 jfav Stand N Deliver. Tote: win €3.40; places €1.80, €2.50, €12.80. Exacta: €33.70. Tricasta: €1745.31. Trifecta: €3749.80. CSF: €25.74. Non-runners: Cape Aguilhas, Ubla.

6.15 4yo plus 7f H'cap

1 Magical Molly Joe (Arabian Gleam-Magical Music) 5-9-3 P J McDonald 9-4 fav. 2 Naralsai (IRE) (Arcano (IRE)-Mejala (IRE)) 5-9-5 Patrick Mathers 8-1. 3 Clement (IRE) (Clodovil (IRE)-Winifred) 9-9-6 (sex) Luke Morris 7-1. (12 ran) nk, 1/4l, hd, 1/4l, hd, T D Barron, Thirk. Tote: win €2.60; places €1.10, €2.60, €2.70. Exacta: €20.70. Tricasta: €117.16. Trifecta: €133.70. CSF: €21.21.

6.45 3yo plus 7f

1 Invitational (Poet's Voice-Platinum Pearl) 3-9-4 Jack Mitchell 13-2. 2 Astrologer (Intello (GER)-Starscope) 3-8-11 Robbie Downey 40-1. 3 Viviani (Dubawi (IRE)-Giants Play (USA)) 3-9-4 David Probert 9-4. (11 ran) 2/4l, 1/4l, nk, 1/4l, 3/4l. R Varian, Newmarket. Also: evens fav

Nooshin. Tote: win €7.60; places €1.80, €10.80, €1.10. Exacta: €300.30. Trifecta: €1098.30. CSF: €236.36. Non-runner: Lady Madison.

7.15 4yo plus 5f

1 Corinthia Knight (IRE) (Society Rock (IRE)-Victoria Lodge (IRE)) 4-9-6 Hollie Doyle 9-2. 2 Storm Over (IRE) (Elmadim (USA)-Stormy View (USA)) 5-9-6 Harry Bentley 14-1. 3 Tropics (USA) (Speightstown (USA)-Taj Aire (USA)) 11-9-6 Adam Kirby 8-1. (7 ran) 1/4l, shd, 1l, ns. Archie Watson, Upper Lambourn. Also: 6-5 fav Kyllang Rock (IRE). Tote: win €5.20; places €2.50, €6.30. Exacta: €59.50. Trifecta: €254.40. CSF: €62.06.

7.45 4yo plus 2m 120yds H'cap

1 Seinesational (Champs Elysees-Kibara) 4-9-9 David Egan 11-4. 2 Knight Commander (Sir Percy-Jardin) 6-8-7 Raul Da Silva 8-1. 3 Alabaster (Archipenko (USA)-Alvarita) 5-9-11 Luke Morris 5-2 fav. (7 ran) nk, 2l, 1/4l, 1l, 2/4l. W Knight, Angmering. Tote: win €4.50; places €2.50, €3.00. Exacta: €27.90. Trifecta: €80.60. CSF: €25.31.

8.15 4yo plus 1m 1f 104yds H'cap

1 Tha'ir (IRE) (New Approach (IRE)-Flashing Green) 9-9-2 Danny Brock 8-1. 2 Splash Of Verve (IRE) (Fast Company (IRE)-Ellistown Lady (IRE)) 7-9-1 Franny Norton 15-2. 3 First Call (FR) (Shamardal (USA)-Reponds Moi (USA)) 4-9-9 David Egan 3-1 fav. (13 ran) 1/4l, nk, 2l, shd, 1/4l. P. McBride, Newmarket. Tote: win €10.10; places €3.30, €3.00, €1.80. Exacta: €68.80. Tricasta: €225.49. Trifecta: €273.30. CSF: €66.62.

PLACEPOT: Dividend: €238.20

QUADPOT: Dividend: €51.80

Yesterday's results & prices

EXETER

GOING: Good to soft-good in places

2.05 4yo plus 2m 6f

1 Ask Dillon (IRE) (Ask-Mum's Miracle (IRE)) 6-11-5 Paddy Brennan 2-1 jfav. 2 Boldmere (Multiplex-Pugnacious Lady) 6-11-5 Kieran Woods 8-1. 3 Blackjack Kentucky (IRE) (Oscar (IRE)-My Name's Not Bin (IRE)) 6-10-13 Harry Cobden 3-1. (9 ran) 8l, 12l, 1l, 1/4l, 3l. F O'Brien, Cheltenham. Also: 2-1 jfav Dolphin Square (IRE). Tote: win €2.80; places €1.10, €2.40, €1.20. Exacta: €16.60. Trifecta: €47.20. CSF: €19.32.

2.40 4yo plus 2m 2f 111yds H'cap

1 Here's Herbie (Classic Cliche (IRE)-Tyre Hill Lilly (UNR)) 11-11-2 James Best 8-1. 2 Nelson's Touch (Mount Nelson-Lady Friend) 6-11-8 Kevin Jones 16-1. 3 Hataab (Intikhab (USA)-Sundus (USA)) 6-10-3 Jason Dixon 2-1 fav. (8 ran) 6l, nk, 12l, 5l, 1/4l. Mrs S Gardner, Longdown. Tote: win €7.30; places €2.30, €4.80, €2.40. Exacta: €116.10. Tricasta: €353.72. Trifecta: €472.00. CSF: €115.37.

3.15 4yo plus 2m 1f

1 Melekhov (IRE) (Sholokhov (IRE)-Yorkshire Girl (IRE)) 5-11-4 R Johnson 5-6 fav. 2 Quick Wave (FR) (Gentlewave (IRE)-Magicaladmirer) 6-10-11 Sean Bowen 5-1. 3 Rococo River (Shirocco (GER)-Noun De La Thintie (FR)) 5-11-4 Lizzie Kelly 7-2. (13 ran) 1l, 14l, 6l, 5l, 1/4l. P Hobbs, Minehead. Tote: win €1.60; places €1.10, €4.00, €2.00. Exacta: €5.40. Trifecta: €14.60. CSF: €5.59. Non-runner: Corruption.

3.50 5yo plus 3m 7f H'cap

1 One Of Us (Presenting-One Gulp) 7-11-1 Sam Twiston-Davies 9-2. 2 Sandhurst Lad (IRE) (Presenting-Off She Goes (IRE)) 8-11-3 R Johnson 7-1. 3 You Say What (IRE) (Milan-Wave Back (IRE))

9-11-4 Tom Scudamore 4-1 fav. (11 ran) 2l, 1/4l, 2/4l, 10l, 20l. N Williams, South Molton. Tote: win €5.60; places €1.80, €2.50, €2.10. Exacta: €45.20. Tricasta: €137.35. Trifecta: €205.10. CSF: €36.60.

4.25 5yo plus 2m 3f H'cap

1 Tudors Treasure (Dr Massini (IRE)-Rude Health) 8-11-9 Tom O'Brien 11-4 fav. 2 Kingston Mimosa (Kheylef (USA)-Derartu (AUS)) 7-10-1 D Hiskett 8-1. 3 Rule The Ocean (IRE) (Stowaway-Page Ten (IRE)) 9-10-1 Richard Patrick 11-2. (10 ran) 1l, 11l, 7l, 1/4l, nk. Robert Stephens, Caldicot. Tote: win €3.70; places €1.70, €2.30, €1.90. Exacta: €21.40. Tricasta: €113.60. Trifecta: €102.90. CSF: €24.57.

5.00 5yo plus 3m

1 Theatre Territory (IRE) (King's Theatre (IRE)-Specifiedrick (IRE)) 9-11-3 Mr Sam Walsh-Cohen 1-4 fav. 2 Drumlyn (IRE) (Definite Article-Miss Florida (IRE)) 8-11-10 Mr D Edwards 13-2. 3 Kit Barry (IRE) (Albano (IRE)-Tracespecial (IRE)) 11-11-10 Charlie Dando 20-1. (6 ran) 3l, 15l, 7l, 13l, 9l. W Greatrex, Upper Lambourn. Tote: win €1.20; places €1.10, €1.90. Exacta: €22.90. Trifecta: €10.70. CSF: €2.02.

5.35 4yo to 6yo 2m 1f

1 Merchant House (IRE) (Fairly Ransom (USA)-Skrya (IRE)) 5-11-12 Miss Millie Wonnacott 20-1. 2 Full Of Roque (FR) (Blue Bresil (FR)-Pearl De La Roque (FR)) 4-11-7 Mr Morgan Winstone 12-1. 3 Grumpy Charley (Shirocco (GER)-Whisky Rose (IRE)) 4-11-7 Mr B Carver 10-3. (11 ran) 3l, 3/4l, 1/4l, 2/4l, 1/4l. L Jefford, Honiton. Also: 5-5 fav Whenhelmetloose. Tote: win €2.70; places €8.00, €4.30, €1.30. Exacta: €396.00. Trifecta: €2897.40. CSF: €239.97.

PLACEPOT: Dividend: €10.60

Qabala stakes Guineas claim

Qabala is the new favourite for next month's Qipco 1000 Guineas after she justified strong market support to beat her stablemate Mot Juste in the Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Roger Varian's Mot Juste brought Group-winning form to the table, but in the minutes before the race, Qabala was backed from 13-2 into 100-30 favouritism.

Pretty slowly away, David Egan was content to bury her in the middle of the field as Orchid Star took them along, with Mot Juste well placed to challenge.

When Mot Juste hit the front coming out of the dip, Qabala still had plenty of ground to make up, but she displayed an electric turn of foot to burst through and win by a length and three-quarters on just her second start.

Mot Juste was another three-quarters of a length in front of John Gosden's Angel's Hideaway, who came from last into third.

Betway makes Qabala its new 5-1 favourite for the Guineas, with Ladbrokes two points bigger at 7-1.

Varian said: "I was very impressed. She came in inexperienced only having the one start. She has worked well and she worked well last year before she ran and won. We have high hopes for her."

"When you come off the back of one run and go into a competitive race like this, you are never quite sure. I was delighted how she switched off and she quickened really well."

"They are two nice fillies. Mot Juste ran a great race. She was ridden a bit more forward, travelled strongly, and went there to win her race. She got a bit tired up the hill and got a second wind."

"I think Qabala had a lovely passage through and came into the picture a bit later. They are different types of fillies. They move differently and behave differently."

"Qabala would be more flashy in her homework, but they don't work together. They both deserve — given health and soundness — to possibly come back for a crack at the Guineas."

"Qabala has not come in her coat yet and I nearly didn't run her. She had been trained for the race to trial today and bar having a long coat. I have been happy with her work and she has got a healthy look to her. There wasn't a reason not to come except she hadn't come in her coat."

"I hope race will bring her on and I think she will look different in her appearance next time she races. We thought the maiden form was strong at the time and we liked her before that maiden, so we went into the winter thinking she was a nice one."

Elsewhere at Newmarket, Shine So Bright continued Andrew Balding's good start to the season when making all the running to win the bet365 European Free Handicap.

Placed in such races as the Richmond Stakes, Gimcrack and Mill Reef last term, he was sent off at 5-2 to begin his season with a win.

Silvestre de Sousa was able to dominate after grabbing the rail early and racing into the dip, Shine So Bright took four lengths out of the field. Space Traveller closed to within a length and three-quarters, but the result was never in doubt.



David Egan steers Qabala to victory in the the Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes on day one of the bet365 Craven Meeting at Newmarket yesterday. Picture: Mike Egerton/PA

Horse racing

■ Graham Clark

Balding said: "They always looked a nice bunch of horses last year and they are all working well. Things are falling into place and I'm really pleased with that."

"He could be a Jersey Stakes horse, or dropping back a furlong on a stiff track wouldn't bother me, so he could go for a Commonwealth Cup. He has got plenty of options."

William Haggas celebrated his first winner on the turf in 2019 after Investec Oaks entry Maqsad opened her account at the third time of asking when defeating Twist 'N' Shake by a short-head in division one of the bet365 European Breeders' Fund Fillies' Maiden Stakes.

Haggas said of the 6-4 winner: "That is our first winner on the grass. She is a nice filly but she disappointed last year."

"The question is whether we go up to a mile and a quarter or stick at a mile. She is out of a Galileo mare and I think she will be better over further. "She is in the French Guineas and that is an option and she is in the French Oaks. There are lots of other options at a mile and a quarter."

Flavius Titus made his first start since undergoing a gelding operation a winning one after prevailing by a neck in the Weatherbys TBA Handicap.

Chasing Dreams (4-9) booked her Royal Ascot ticket when paying back a slice of her 750,000 guineas price tag in the bet365 British EBF Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

The five-length winner was introduced at 8-1 for the Queen Mary by Paddy Power and trainer Charlie Appleby said: "She is a filly that has always pleased. We will give her a break and hopefully head straight to the Queen Mary."

"She showed a lot of natural pace coming here today. I didn't think she was the sharpest filly education wise, but we hoped her raw ability would suffice."

Too Darn Hot Guineas call to be made early next week

John Gosden has revealed a decision on Too Darn Hot's participation in the Qipco 2000 Guineas could be made early next week.

The Dubawi colt was the undoubted star of the juvenile division last season — winning each of his four starts including a brilliant victory in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket in October.

He has spent the winter at the head of ante-post lists for both the Guineas and the Derby at Epsom, but there was a bump in the road

Horse racing

■ Colin Wilson

last week after Too Darn Hot was found to have heat in a splint bone — a setback which ruled him out of last Saturday's Greenham Stakes at Newbury.

Speaking on the opening afternoon of the Craven meeting at Newmarket yesterday, Gosden said he was hopeful Too Darn Hot would be fit to run in the first colts' Classic

of the season on May 4, but expects to have a clearer idea after the weekend. Gosden said: "He's fine and coming along the right way. We're going to make a decision, probably, just after the weekend."

"The heat is pretty well out of it altogether now, but I just want to be content that I've got the two clear weeks in which to bring him up to the race (2000 Guineas)."

"I'll be consulting with the owners. I'm very much hoping he will run at this stage."

"I think the decision needs to be left until just after the weekend and then we'll know exactly where we stand."

Gosden also revealed he is eyeing the Pavilion Stakes at Ascot as a likely comeback target for the long-absent Calyx.

"He's in good form and is getting close. I don't think you'd bring him straight to a Guineas, but I'm very happy with him and he's probably about two weeks off a race now," said Gosden.

Zakouski out to confirm Classic credentials

Horse racing

■ Ashley Iveson

Charlie Appleby expects to have a clearer idea of Zakouski's capabilities after he runs in the bet365 Craven Stakes at Newmarket today.

The Shamardal colt made a big impression on his only previous racecourse outing at Kempton in November — but even his trainer admits his charge has far more on his plate as he steps up to Group 3 level in this recognised trial for next month's Qipco 2000 Guineas.

It is another Godolphin runner, Saeed bin Suroor's Group One-winning colt Royal Marine, who sets the standard.

However, it is perhaps indicative of the regard in which Zakouski is held that bookmakers make him the marginal favourite for today's assignment — while he is a general 7-1 shot for the Guineas itself.

"He's fit and well — and like a lot of horses who have won their maiden, he's now got to go and take the next step," said Appleby.

"Saeed's horse is the one we all have to beat. He brings Group 1 form into the race, and we've all got to raise our game to get to his level."

"I see our horse is priced up as favourite, and for whatever reason there seems to be a lot of momentum behind him."

"We think he's a nice horse who has developed well from two to three, and it was a good performance at Kempton."

"We like him and think he's up to running in a race like this. We'll see where we stand afterwards."

Royal Marine won two of his three starts as a juvenile — rounding off his campaign with that top-level triumph in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at ParisLongchamp in October.

He disappointed on the dirt at Meydan in January, but Bin Suroor hopes his charge can show his true colours back on the grass.

He said: "He is doing good and has been working well."

"He wintered in Dubai and was working well on the all-weather and the Tapeta, but he didn't handle the dirt. We thought it was worth testing him, but you could tell from his action he didn't like it."

Zakouski is one of five unbeaten colts in the field — along with Gay Kelleway's Global Spectrum, Tom Dascombe's Jackstar, Hugo Palmer's Set Piece and the William Haggas-trained Skardu.

Global Spectrum is three from three — completing his hat-trick in a valuable race in Qatar in February.

Kelleway said: "The owner is flying in from Hong Kong and was keen for him to run here. He pays the bills, and it's his decision."

"Gerald Mosse (jockey) was keen for him to run here as well, so I'm guided by them."

"My job is to get him there in the best possible condition, and I think he is — he's in great form."

Set Piece has won at Kempton and Newcastle during the winter, and Palmer is keen to let his horse do the talking under Frankie Dettori.

He said: "I've been pleased with him at home, and he's a horse I've always liked. There's not much more to be said."

"This is a trial — we'll learn more about him, and he'll learn more because he is still an inexperienced horse."

"I'd like to think he'll go on any ground."

Intoexile to leave the rest behind

Youghal Dogs

Barry Drake

INTOEXILE, who is owned and trained by Andrew Lynch, lands the nap selection on tonight's programme at Youghal track.

Drawn next to the rails, the Andrew Lynch owned and trained runner should take all the beating in race eight.

Lacking early pace is never ideal, but this looks a great opportunity to get back to winning form.

Last time, he ran a fine race to finish a staying on third to Tommys Pride. The last-named has franked the form since by winning a very hot contest around Thurles on Saturday night.

The nap selection is expected to sit towards the back of the field early, but with a clear passage in running, he should take all the beating. Shane Ronayne's Trumpers Phoebe looks the biggest danger.

She's been slightly disappointing of late but if rediscovering some of her best form, she would go very close. Race three can go the way of the promising youngster, Ballydorgan Mo.

Trained by Eddie Lingane for owners Brian and Ger



Eamon Uniacke sponsor from Bounce Around presents winning connections of Lisquinlan Curl with their trophy following her win in the A7/A8 stake final at Youghal. Also pictured is track manager John McGrath.

Dinan, the September youngster has caught the eye in two career outings.

Unlucky both times, he showed serious late gears last time, especially after finding plenty of early trouble. He can turn close in this line-up and the bright prospect can climb the grades in the coming weeks.

There are a couple of other promising sorts in opposition, with the likes of Liam O'Connell's Dansa Kate and Finbarr

Harrington's Mylane Denise.

The first-named was sent off a well-backed favourite for a recent final, but after fluffing her start, she found plenty of trouble in running. However, she's far better than that and looks a greyhound that will be winning sooner rather than later.

Race six won't take much winning and Breezing Jet, for Noel Lynch, looks to have massive claims of registering a fourth success. Third last time, he wasn't beaten that far behind Fahrenheit Lee.

A reproduction of that effort should be more than good enough here. This rates a huge drop in class and from a great draw in two, he looks unopposable.

If the selection fails to deliver then Liam Corcoran's recent winner, Pushouttheboat could be the one to take advantage.

The race of the night comes in race seven and Tuckeys Charm gets a narrow vote to return to winning ways.

Martina Manahan's runner

has won four of his last six darts, with two second-place finishers, and the flying early pacer looks the one to beat here.

He hasn't been seen in racing action for a few weeks but if ready for this outing, he should lead all-the-way. The powerful Watch Out Matty rates the biggest danger.

A 29.05 winner last time, he is a greyhound with tremendous pace. If he gets around the opening corners without any major interference then he would be very difficult to hold.

SELECTIONS

Race 1: Corrig Iris (Blue Daddy Two).
Race 2: Hollyhill Lucy (Glenfinn Floss).
Race 3: Ballydorgan Mo (Dansa Kate).
Race 4: Hauling Grass (Seaview Misty).
Race 5: Boca Sky (Mouna Graphene).
Race 6: Breezing Jet (Pushouttheboat).
Race 7: Tuckeys Charm (Watch Out Matty).
Race 8: Intoexile (Nap) (Trumpers Phoebe).
Race 9: Loaded Spring (Sonas House).
Race 10: Hollyhill Alfie (Slaneside Tipp).
Race 11: Shlowdown David (Manontherun).
Race 12: Goldie (Flair Henry).

Russell to be guest at 25th Inch point-to-point

TODAY, in Ballyanthy, is the 25th anniversary running of the hugely-popular Inch point-to-point meeting, writes Neil O'Donnell.

Run under the auspices of the Killeagh Harriers, the fixture gets underway at 1.30pm and Tiger Roll's Aintree Grand National-winning jockey, Davy Russell, will be the guest of honour.

There may well be a couple of divides and the Enda Bolger-trained Different Spot is put forward as the best bet of the entire session in the winners-of-one.

Different Spot opened his account by winning his maiden at Loughrea last October and, on his most recent start, the six-year-old more than acquitted himself by finishing third to Carignagapple in a Cork hunters' chase on November 18. Ultimately beaten by 14 lengths, Dif-

ferent Spot should regain the winning thread here by proving marginally superior to this season's Ballvodock scorer, Bright Rhett.

Terence O'Brien's Larcadio is clearly the one for the 'getting-out stakes' in the closing, five-year-old-and-upwards adjacent hunts maiden.

Larcadio was a most unlucky loser on his penultimate outing, at Bandon in early March, as he was well in command when falling at the final fence in the race ultimately won by Dandy Times. Although coming to grief three out on his most recent outing at Ballyragget, Larcadio should attain a deserved turn here by excelling from Benefactor.

Elen Doyle's Co Wexford challenger, Defuture Is Bright, will take all the beating in the five-year-old geldings' maiden.

Youghal greyhounds

Race 1 - Youghal Track Supporters Cub N0 Stake Final 18.44 525yds

Trumpers Wallace	08.04.19	525R	T1	1	.5L	30.02	Slow
Slaneside Marly	10.04.19	525R	T1	2	2L	30.17	Slow
Blue Daddy Two	08.04.19	525R	T5	3	1L	30.02	Slow
Corrig Iris	10.04.19	525R	T6	1	2L	30.17	Slow
Corrin Padjoe	08.04.19	525R	T4	2	.5L	30.02	Slow
Roseville Hunter	10.04.19	525R	T5	3	8L	30.17	Slow

Race 2 - Youghal SIS Racing A4 525 18.57 525yds

Hollyhill Lucy	08.04.19	525R	T6	4	3L/nk	29.50	Slow
Glenfinn Floss	10.04.19	525R	T6	2	3L	29.43	Slow
Jumbos Bee	10.04.19	525R	T5	4	8.5L	29.43	Slow
Druids Dont Know	03.04.19	525R	T3	1	2.5L	29.72	Slow
Let Fly Dazzler	09.04.19	525R	T5	6	14.5L	18.81	Slow
Joeys Gang	03.04.19	525R	T6	4	7L	29.52	Slow

Race 3 - Barking Buzz App A5/A6 525 19.12 525yds

Mylane Denise	10.04.19	525R	T6	5	6L	29.64	Slow
Springside Vic	10.04.19	525R	T5	3	4L	29.64	Slow
Murleys Pride	08.04.19	525R	T2	1	4.5L	30.22	Slow
Dansa Kate	10.04.19	525R	T4	6	8.5L	29.64	Slow
Wagga Sport	01.04.19	525R	T2	5	10L	29.55	Slow
Ballydorgan Mo	13.04.19	525R	T4	3	2.5L	29.81	Slow

Race 4 - Youghal Bookmakers A3 525 19.28 525yds

Dunbar Ace	10.04.19	525R	T2	6	8.5L	29.28	Slow
Seaview Misty	08.04.19	525R	T4	3	.5L/nk	29.50	Slow
Tooswifttoocatch	10.04.19	525R	T3	1	nk	29.69	Slow
Kerryroad Niamh	08.04.19	525R	T2	5	4L/nk	29.50	Slow
Nil Is Agam	08.04.19	525R	T4	2	1L	29.51	Slow
Hauling Grass	08.04.19	525R	T6	1	2L	29.54	Slow

Race 5 - WWW.IGB.ie A6 525 19.44 525yds

Boca Sky	08.04.19	525R	T1	5	5L	29.75	Slow
Curryhill's Toey	10.04.19	525R	T2	5	7L	30.02	Slow
Shebeen Jet Ski	08.04.19	525R	T4	5	6L	30.09	Slow
Slyhigh Tina	08.04.19	525R	T3	3	2.5L	30.09	Slow
Mouna Graphene	0.04.19	525R	T3	3	4.5L	29.80	Slow
Whitty Slipper	08.04.19	525R	T2	6	6.5L/hd	29.69	Slow

Race 6 - WWW.I.R.G.Tie S4 325 19.59 325yds

Beenalught Lad	03.04.19	325R	T2	4	9.5L	17.72	Slow
Breezing Jet	03.04.19	325R	T2	3	4.5L	17.78	Slow
Mescal Pearl	10.04.19	325R	T1	2	1L	18.44	Slow
Blitzkrieg	10.04.19	325R	T3	4	5L	18.44	Slow
Bohmore Chance	10.04.19	325R	T2	5	5.5L	18.44	Slow
Pushouttheboat	10.04.19	325R	T6	1	1L	18.44	Slow

Race 7 - GoGreyhoundRacing.ie A0/A1 525 20.16 525yds

Slaneside Twink	10.04.19	525R	T1	1	4L	29.22	Slow
Choice Exile	10.04.19	525R	T5	1	2.5L	29.28	Slow
Watch Out Matty	10.04.19	525R	T1	1	3L	29.05	Slow
Gowlane Abu	10.04.19	525R	T3	4	10L	29.05	Slow
Tuckeys Charm	27.03.19	525R	T5	2	2.5L	29.16	Slow
Bull Marker	10.04.19	525R	T6	3	8.5L	29.05	Slow

Race 8 - Try a Tote Trio A5 525 20.32 525yds

Intoexile	10.04.19	525R	T1	3	4.5L	29.43	Slow
Trumpers Phoebe	08.04.19	525R	T1	2	3.5L	29.80	Slow
Dustys Chequers	10.04.19	525R	T1	1	1L	30.01	Slow
Whitty Bullet	08.04.19	525R	T5	2	2L	29.85	Slow
Slaneside Louie	08.04.19	525R	T5	5	5.5L	29.54	Slow
Willow Gang	10.04.19	525R	T4	4	6.5L	30.02	Slow

Race 9 - Tote Forecast A6 525 20.48 525yds

Loaded Spring	10.04.19	525R	T4	3	1.5L	30.01	Slow
Whitty Skipper	08.04.19	525R	T5	4	5L	29.80	Slow
Witches Sue	10.04.19	525R	T1	2	.5L	30.02	Slow
Sonass House	10.04.19	525R	T5	4	5L/nk	29.69	Slow
Hollyhill Betty	08.04.19	525R	T6	6	13L	29.85	Slow
Ciaras Deise	10.04.19	525R	T6	5	2.5L/hd	30.01	Slow

Race 10 - Bet on Barking Buzz A2 525 21.03 525yds

Witches Suzy	10.04.19	525R	T5	3	5.5L/hd	29.30	Slow
Slaneside Tipp	10.04.19	525R	T5	5	11.5L	29.05	Slow
Annie's Ace	10.04.19	525R	T4	1	5.5L	29.30	Slow
Bogcross Skinny	10.04.19	525R	T6	2	2.5L	29.28	Slow
Knockglass Oscar	10.04.19	525R	T6	2	5.5L	29.30	Slow
Hollyhill Alfie	10.04.19	525R	T4	6	13L	29.05	Slow

Race 11 - Lucky Last A3 525 21.21 525yds

Dungarvan Aglow	03.04.19	525R	T6	6	9.5L	29.32	Slow
Slaneside Sid	08.04.19	525R	T3	1	nk	29.50	Slow
Shlowdown David	10.04.19	525R	T2	2	4L	29.22	Slow
Seaview McGregor	09.04.19	350R	T1	1	1.5L	18.81	Slow
Manontherun	08.04.19	525R	T1	4	8L/sh/hd	29.27	Slow
Witches Bally	01.04.19	525R	T6	6	11.5L	30.00	Slow

Race 12 - Slan Abhaile A6/A7 525 21.44 525yds

Glentrasna Lady	10.04.19	325R	T4	3	2.5L	18.44	Slow
Corrin Susan	25.03.19	525R	T5	4	9.5L	29.40	Slow
Flair Henry	26.03.19	525ST	T4	3	7.5L	29.28	Slow
Canvas Majestic	25.03.19	525R	T1	6	12.5L	29.40	Slow
Shebeen Jet On	25.03.19	525R	T3	5	14L/dis	30.18	Slow
Goldie	25.03.19	525R	T2	4	7L	29.64	Slow

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Third league win for Sars

SARS recently made it three wins out of five at the beginning of the 2019 Red FM Senior Hurling League Division One as they defeated Bride Rovers 1-19 to 1-14 in Riverstown.

Rovers also made a positive start to the new league season but, in the end, they were deservedly beaten by a motivated Sars side.

Sars started well and it helped them to earn a commanding lead as at the interval they led by a score of 0-11 to 0-8.

The home side remained in control in the second half and, in the end, the league title holders did enough to secure the win by an impressive five-point margin.

FAI confirms Glanmire plan

AS reported by Gráinne McGuinness in *The Echo* last week, the FAI have confirmed that an application for funding for the long-planned Glanmire Centre of Excellence will go ahead despite the current controversy surrounding its finances.

No assurances were given as to the likely success of the application and it remains to be seen if the project goes ahead. Fresh concerns were raised about the project when Sport Ireland suspended funding to the FAI amid concerns over a controversial loan by former chief executive John Delaney.

Cork East TD Kevin O'Keeffe raised the Glanmire project with FAI officials.

Final call for football camp

THE FINAL call is on for Glanmire GAA Club's Easter football camp, run by Glanmire Ladies' Football Club, in conjunction with the men's section.

The camp is open to boys and girls aged six to 14 and will be held on April 23-25 from 10am to 1.30pm at The Pike Field in Glanmire.

The prices have been confirmed at €30 per child, with reductions of €50 for two children and €70 for three. The camp will be run by highly-regarded ladies' senior coach, Geraldine O'Flynn.

Enquiries to development officer Mark Byrne at 086 8685489.

Hackett: Strong mentality vital

SOCCER

■ Andrew Horgan

RIVERSTOWN senior manager Len Hackett has admitted his side need to change their mentality if they are to win promotion back to the Beamish Stout Munster Senior League Senior First Division.

The Glanmire club was relegated to the Second Division last year and Hackett believes the disappointment from that season is still affecting the squad in this campaign.

There is still a chance that they can secure promotion back to the second tier, but their hopes recently suffered a blow as they were beaten 3-1 by Bandon on home soil at the GACA in Glanmire.

And speaking to *The Echo* on the pitch shortly after full time in that fixture, Hackett, who took charge of the side in September, insisted they need to adapt their mindset.

"I think we just need to get that strong mentality in the club," he said.

"We got relegated last year, I know it's a bit late in the season, but I still think that they were just a bit down after it, so now it's just about driving the club forward.

"It's just going to take time and we are going to hit a few roadblocks along the way, but in the next two or three years hopefully we will start challenging for promotion, promotion and winning a title as well. But to be fair to them there is a good spirit amongst the lads.

"It just a case now if we can pick the lads up because they have been very good in training all season — I only came in back in September myself.

"I am coming from teams where the mentality in other senior clubs is that we're senior players and a few of our players need to realise that they are Munster Senior League players because I think at times they don't, and they let their heads drop.

"But it is just a case of keep going when you are losing and keep doing the good habits and you will get



Action between Riverstown and Kilworth at the start of the MSL campaign. Picture: Larry Cummins

your reward the next day."

Riverstown more than played their part in that game against Bandon, but in the end, the title-chasers just had too much quality in their ranks.

A stunning finish from Richie Holland and an expertly taken brace from Brendan Cullen was enough to earn Bandon the three points at the expense of a spirited Riverstown side, who had levelled through Bryan Murphy.

And Hackett added that Bandon's striking duo proved to be the difference between the two sides on the afternoon.

"I thought Bandon was the better team on the day and I think they just wanted the game more," he said after the match.

"We had a few young players out there as well and they played very well, which kind of bodes well for the future.

"We didn't take the one or two chances that we had and that was the difference.

"The strikers that they had up front made the difference.

"Those type of strikers nowadays are worth their weight in gold and we just need to find that.

"The lad we had up front Martin Ekhoeseuhi, he's only 16 so you can definitely see that he is one for the future and he just needs that bit of coaching to make him and develop him as a player."

The league season is drawing to a close and even though Riverstown may need to win all of their remain-

ing games to have a chance of getting promoted, Hackett is remaining optimistic.

"I just think that our lads will just need to keep their heads. We saw that Bandon lost to Fermoy, they beat Ballinhassig, the league leaders, 3-0 a couple of weeks ago then they lost to Fermoy, so we just have to keep going and see.

"We have to keep going and don't give up because there are plenty of games to go and we still have to play Bandon again as well, so we can influence it a little bit.

"I think they have to play Fermoy and Ballinhassig as well, so it's not going to be that easy for them to get promotion — but we just have to keep going and we have to win all our remaining games, we have to."

Cullen's Bandon brace ends Riverstown revival

SOCCER

■ Andrew Horgan

spirited Riverstown side, who had levelled through Bryan Murphy.

Richie Holland gave Bandon the lead after nine minutes as he turned sharply on the edge of the area and expertly drilled his volley into the bottom-right corner of the net.

The title chasers would be punished for squandering numerous chances as Riverstown levelled the scores in the 34th minute through Bryan Murphy.

After the ball dropped to Shane Barry inside the box, the striker cleverly hooked the ball over the keeper towards the back post, where Murphy was positioned, giving him the simple task of heading into

the empty net from a couple of yards.

The home side grew in confidence following that equaliser and they twice went close to completing the turnaround before the first half came to a conclusion.

But Bandon used the half-time break wisely and they started the second 45 minutes on the front foot, re-taking the lead shortly

after the restart.

Bandon sealed the win with 14 minutes remaining as Brendan Cullen expertly slotted home his second.

RIVERSTOWN: Stuart O'Connor, Luke Herlihy, Martin Ekhoeseuhi, Darren Walsh, Martin Connolly, Colin O'Neill, Niall Horgan, Barry O'Sullivan, Shane Barry, Kuba Rajczak, Bryan Murphy.

Subs: Shane Creech for Kuba Rajczak (67), Ben Buckley for Niall Horgan (86).



Riverstown's Shane Creech. Picture: Larry Cummins

O'Reilly looks to new chapter after Demons

BASKETBALL

■ Kieran Doherty

COLIN O'REILLY was a very busy man last year.

As well as coaching UCC Demons in the men's Super League, he completed his FIBA-OUT programme.

He was also one of the Irish senior ladies basketball coaching staff under the guidance of Mark Scannell for the FIBA Small Countries Tournament held in the Mardyke Arena.

After this tournament he then took on a new role as head of the National Academy for Basketball Ireland.

"It has been a busy year alright, but its one I enjoyed," O'Reilly said.

"Although, it was testing at the times, it was a great experience, and a one I wouldn't change.

"The National League season finished a few weeks ago, and following that I sat down with Demon's chairman Micheal O'Leary for a chat.

"I informed him that at the moment that I won't be in a position to coach the senior team next season.

"To be honest, there is no real particular reason why I can't do it. It's a lot of different things really. I follow the same process every summer. I look at what I am currently doing and decide if it's something I want to continue. In this instance, I think I need a new challenge and I will wait to see what happens in the coming months."

One of the reasons why O'Reilly was so busy over the past 12 months was he was one of an elite few in Ireland chosen to participate in the FIBA run FIBA-OUT programme.

"The Time-Out program was centered around upskilling and helping prepare players transition to their post playing careers.

"There was three aspects to the programme.

"A degree in Leadership and management from Northumbria University was one of these.

"The FIBA manager qualification which is geared towards players moving into management roles in basketball clubs was the second and and TALS, which is geared towards developing as mentor/lifestyle advisor for athletes who are currently in dual careers of studying and playing sports or working and playing sports. It is currently been rolled out by GAA and run by English Sports."

After a long period at Demons, both as a player and coach, O'Reilly seems to be suffering from a seven-year itch and may move on, but he certainly has enjoyed his time at the club.

"I had seven great with the club years and led them 12 trophies, so overall, it was a huge success.

"I got to play with Niall (my brother), who I always thought was the most under-rated all-around player in the league throughout the 14 years on and off I played in the league.

"We did things through out the years in Demon's that no team has come close to replicating, so I think it's a period in the clubs history that everyone involved should be proud of.

"I will of course be always grateful for them taking me on as the Head



UCC Demons' Colin O'Reilly and Kieran Donaghy vs Garley Tralee Warriors during the Men's National League at the Mardyke Arena, Cork.

Picture: INPHO/Bryan Keane



Brothers Niall and Colin O'Reilly of Coughlan & Sons UCC Demons at the Mardyke Arena.

Picture: Denis Minihane

Coch of the biggest club in the country and it is a club I will continue to give back to moving forward."

What was your thoughts on this past season where Demons struggled for wins and at times players?

"Having had huge success previous years gives a good idea at the start of each season of what realistic expectations are based on the talent at your disposal.

"For us, it was a brand new team with numerous players playing in the league for the first time.

"The goal was to compete every

week and give ourselves a chance to win games in the fourth quarter and this was successful in 18 out of 21 games.

"Within that, we won some games we should have lost, and lost some games we could have won.

"I had to change some of our playing principles within this group.

"Our American player Brandon Watts was one of the best players in the league.

"He had a nervous start to this campaign, and after the Maree loss I knew as a coach that I needed to change things up to help him more.

"Then I made Brandon the focal point of our offensive game, and we got the ball in his hands more in games which created more space for myself and the other players.

"It proved successful as his scoring average went up 15 points a game, and also gave us more spacing to find the open players on the floor.

"Overall, the group gave what they had each weekend on a consistent basis which is a hard thing to do in players first year in league.

"The fact we beat the top two teams and lost to bottom two shows exactly where we were at during the season," added Colin.

O'Reilly is due to begin a new FIBA course this year and he is looking forward to that.

"The FECC course is run by FIBA and it is one of the most prestigious coaching courses in the world.

"It's run over two years and involves a lot of practical and theory work.

"The coaches running it are all EuroLeague or international level coaches which gives a great insight of how hard it is to qualify for the certification.

"It will also give me a good opportunity to add value to the National Academies here in Ireland.

"With the continuous developments being implemented in the National pathway for players, the academies as they grow will increase in importance, and will hopefully, in time help Ireland replicate the suc-

cess of the recent Irish U18 women's team that did so well in Europe on a regular basis."

O'Reilly is also involved with the Irish academies and here he explains his role.

"I was appointed as head of Irish boys academies this year, along with Martin McGettrick, who looks after the girls side of things.

"It's probably the best decision basketball wise I made.

"I enjoy going around the country visiting the academies talking and sharing information with the coaches and players."

So with all that on his plate, will O'Reilly have time to do what he does best, which is to play for another team next season?

"We still have a month of the academies to go where we want to finish off this season successfully, while strategizing and planning improvements for next year's academy season.

"After that, conversations will begin about the club season next year, so as always I will listen to the various situations that are out there.

"I'm back in the gym this week to try stay in shape, as when you train for eight months of the year it's very easy for your fitness to slide, it's just a habit really.

"On the coaching front, whether it's men's, women's or underage it will be something that's has to be a new a new challenge as that's the only way to grow in coaching."

Women's senior league kicks off

SOCCER

■ Mark O'Connell

TONIGHT is the start of the Cork Women's Senior League soccer season and the format has changed.

The league has gone back to two divisions, with six teams in the Premier League and six in the First Division.

Last year's champions, Riverstown, play their opening game against Wilton United, the team they beat in the final. Riverstown have kept the majority of last year's squad and manager, Mick O'Sullivan, has his team back training and playing friendlies for the past month. They will be quietly confident of taking all three points against a Wilton side that is without a number of key players.

Wilton will compete this season, but the loss of Ericka O'Sullivan, who is travelling, and Shaunagh McCarthy, who is now playing with Cork City, is considerable. Susan Kelleher is retired, so it could be a difficult time for the former champions.

Also in the Premier League, Douglas Hall welcome Lakewood Athletic to Moneygurney. It should be a cracking encounter.

Lakewood are fielding only one team this season and should be strong. They will again be looking to Laura Coughlan and Michelle O'Regan to get straight at the Hall on Wednesday.

Douglas Hall finished last season in style by winning both finals in Turner's Cross, but the loss of Stacey Paul O'Regan will be huge (she is playing with Cork City this season). They will be looking to Emma McCarthy to get them off to a good start tonight.

At the time of writing, Passage are unsure who they will face, as the other Premier team has not yet been confirmed.

In the First Division, newcomers Kinsale and Greenwood start their maiden seasons in senior football in Madden Park and both will be looking to do so with a win.

Ballinhassig travel to Cobh to take on Springfield Ramblers and both sides will be hoping to get off to a winning start.

Springfield are doing some fantastic work at underage and it is only a matter of time before the seniors benefit from this.

Kilmichael Rovers make the long journey to Carrigaline, where the home side will be expected to take all three points.

All managers need to text Mark O'Connell on 087-2738456, with results and goalscorers, immediately after the match, to ensure the best coverage in the Echo.

TONIGHT:

Premier League: Douglas Hall v Lakewood Athletic; Riverstown v Wilton United.

First Division: Kinsale v Greenwood; Springfield Ramblers v Ballinhassig; Carrigaline United v Kilmichael Rovers.

Powerlifting club getting stronger



Power lifting

Barbara O'Connell

THE CIT Powerlifting Club continues to grow from strength to strength and their recent competition helped raise funds for Pieta House.

CIT Sports officer Miriam Deasy praised all who was involved in their recent event.

"The students hosted the Irish Drug Free Powerlifting Association Push Pull competition in CIT's Melbourne gym and the Club were honoured to have this opportunity as it continues to go from strength to strength, with increasing members joining the club year on year and more lifters qualifying for international events," said Deasy.

"The Push Pull event consisted of the Bench Press and Deadlift, with lifters competing across a wide variety of age and weight classes.

"This was the first powerlifting competition in two years to sell out in less than three days of the tickets going live.

"An impressive total of 27 CIT Powerlifting members and former members were refereeing, aiding the smooth running of the event, as well as competing on the day.

"CIT currently has two international referees and eight national referees.

"While there were several high-profile lifters competing from all around Ireland, it must be noted that a large proportion of CIT lifters were among that high profile.

"Lifters of note within CIT are Chairperson, Ross O'Connor and Treasurer, Rachel O'Mahony.

"Ross and Rachel travelled to Virginia in October 2018 and competed at the 100% Raw World Championships.

"They both competed in Bench and Strict Curl and won their age and weight classes respectively, setting National Records in the Strict Curl event.

"Rachel has recently been invited to squat and bench at Irish Muscle Powers.

"Ross finished fourth and Rachel finished second at this Push Pull.

"William O'Donohue, the current leading lifter at the 67.5kg weight category finished second at this event.

"Christopher Thomas and James Troy both finished third in their respective categories.

"Aidan McDonohue put in huge performances at the Push Pull and finished second in the 90kg category.

"First year student Karina Lavery put in a remarkable performance finishing first in the 90kg category, while Rebecca Draper and Laura Dowdall finished second and third respectively in their weight categories.

"CIT Powerlifting Club provides a safe environment for full time students to lift in, with an outlet to compete.

"In the overall ethos of the Club, members have put a great emphasis on mental health this year and raised funds for Pieta House at this competition.

"CIT is very excited for what the fu-



Chairperson of the CIT powerlifting club Ross O'Connor.



Cork Institute of Technology student golfer Gary Ward has been selected as an R&A scholar for the second year running. Gary is a second year student of Business at the Institute, a recipient of CIT Sports Scholarship and an active member of CIT Golf Club.

ture holds for these young lifters and looks forward to high participation levels at the next competition, the National Full Powers 2 in August.

"Some members have also been selected for the Irish Muscle Power in the RDS in June.

"Great credit is due to every member of the Powerlifting Club who chipped in to ensure the successful hosting of this event, with special mention to Ross O'Connor and Rachel O'Mahony who put in long hours."

Meanwhile, golf at CIT continues to grow.

Every year the Royal and Ancient Foundation assists students and universities across the globe with funding towards golf development by supporting student golfers to continue to play competitive golf while undertaking their studies.

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The centrepiece of the year is the annual R&A Foundation Scholars Tournament contested in St Andrews in April over 54 holes. Players that are successful in receiving a Bursary from the R&A are invited to compete in St Andrews, the home of golf, in the Scholars Tournament.

The event offers the winner a place on the International Team of the Arnold Palmer Cup to face the USA and also carries World Amateur Golf Ranking points. Individual applicants for Foundation scholarships must be in full-time tertiary education and applicants must hold a handicap of +1 or better.

Gary is currently playing off a handicap of +1 and was accepted to play at this prestigious tournament. After the first day on the Eden course Gary was outside the top 20 after

“Ward believes there is a great opportunity for CIT golf club to pick up some silverware

shooting 74 in both rounds 1 & 2 in cold and windy conditions. Standard was high and scoring was solid. With the final round on the Old Course Gary was looking forward to trying to finish on a high, and a final round 70 after a nice birdie on the 18th moved him up the leader board to 15th.

For Ward, he believes there is a great opportunity for CIT golf club to pick up some silverware in the not too distant future.

"It was a great experience and also nice to start off the year ticking off a goal I had set". I am so grateful for the opportunities given to me by both the R&A and CIT". I believe CIT golf is on the rise with a great group of lads performing this year in several competitions. It would be nice to see a win this year since we came so close in the All Ireland's last month finishing in third place in a competitive field. I have no doubt with the programme in place there will be more silverware soon for CIT."

Pep: City cannot afford any slip-ups

FOOTBALL

■ Andy Sims

PEP GUARDIOLA feels Manchester City have to win all their remaining five games to pip Liverpool and retain the Premier League title.

City briefly took top spot on Sunday after a 3-1 win at Crystal Palace, until the Reds went back to the summit by beating Chelsea. It means City remain two points behind but, crucially, they have a game in hand, and Guardiola believes they cannot afford a single slip-up during the run-in.

"We think Liverpool are going to win all their games, but the Premier League position is in our hands," he said.

"We have to win every game if we want to make back-to-back titles. We know that, and the players have shown they want to do it, and I didn't have any doubts about that."

Selhurst Park has been a graveyard for title campaigns in the recent past, notably when Liverpool's wheels came off in 2014 and City suffered a similar fate a year later. But Raheem Sterling's double and a late third from Gabriel Jesus, after Luka Milivojevic gave Palace brief hope with a free-kick, kept City's bid to retain their crown firmly on track.

"I'm so pleased," added Guardiola. "In two seasons we've got 83 points with five games left. Incredible numbers and it shows how consistent we are."

City host Tottenham tonight looking to overturn the 1-0 first-leg deficit in their Champions League quarter-final and keep their quadruple dream alive.

Palace boss Roy Hodgson has no doubt they can pull off an unprecedented four-timer.

"I think they look in very good shape," he said. "They came here with a fully-fit squad and they paid us the respect of putting a very strong team out. That doesn't make the task any easier."

"I can only say what everyone else knows. They are a very good team and will take some beating in any competition they play."

Meanwhile, police are investigating fans seen on video chanting anti-Semitic slurs before the Premier League match between Manchester United and West Ham on Saturday. West Ham have vowed to ban for life a group of supporters filmed singing the abuse prior to the game.

In the latest in a series of alleged racist incidents this week, the fans were filmed singing an abusive song about London rivals Tottenham, who have a large Jewish following, on a tram before the Hammers' match at Old Trafford.

The short clip has since been shared thousands of times on social media and Greater Manchester Police (GMP) said they are investigating and have appealed for information.



Cardiff City's Aron Gunnarsson reacts after referee Mike Dean awards a penalty before overturning the decision during the Premier League match at Turf Moor, Burnley.

Picture: Anthony Devlin/PA

Cardiff set sights on Brighton clash

SOCCER

■ Eleanor Crooks

CARDIFF midfielder Aron Gunnarsson felt he was denied a clear penalty in the Bluebirds' controversial 2-0 defeat by Burnley on Saturday.

The main talking point occurred just after half-time when referee Mike Dean awarded Cardiff a penalty for handball by Ben Mee only to reverse his decision after discussion with his assistants.

But manager Neil Warnock felt a later challenge by Charlie Taylor on Gunnarsson was the most obvious of a number of penalty appeals, and the Icelandic midfielder agreed.

He said: "It was a blatant penalty. He said I was looking for his leg, which I wasn't, I've never done that in my life."

"I've just looked at it again now. He caught me on my left leg and my ankle

goes, so I don't know how I'm meant to stand up to that. Outside the box it's 100 per cent going to be given."

"When you're down there these decisions don't fall your way, simple as that. But we need to get going again. Another huge game on Tuesday against Brighton that we need to prepare for."

After Saturday's results, Brighton appear the only side still within the sights of Cardiff, who are five points adrift of safety with five games left.

A 5-0 loss to Bournemouth was the Seagulls' fourth in a row, and Gun-

narsson, Cardiff's longest-serving player, knows this is his side's big chance.

He said: "We're still obviously going to fight until the end, but it's another big game, like this was. Obviously we came here for three points. It didn't happen unfortunately. I thought we battled hard. We fought hard for it. It was a scruffy game, but in the end we didn't do enough."

The 29-year-old insists Cardiff do not need a sense of grievance to fuel them for the final five games, saying: "You want to do it for your club, for your fans, for your team-mates, to prepare well and be at it every game."

Burnley's victory, secured by two Chris Wood goals, moved Sean Dyche's side 11 points clear of Cardiff and vir-

tually guaranteed a fourth successive season in the Premier League.

Warnock believes Cardiff can learn from Burnley, saying: "They've been very fortunate here, but they've earned the luck over the last few weeks. They've got results when they've had to."

"You need to play teams at the right time and I think they have had that little bit of luck as well, but Sean's done a fantastic job keeping them where they are. We've got to look at them."

"I know they went down the first year he was here and they've built the club back up and they're doing really well. We don't want to go down, but the club's stable now and it could look to the future."

Saints' system perfect for Sims, says Hasenhuttl

FOOTBALL

■ Nick Purewal

Ralph Hasenhuttl has revealed Josh Sims' hard graft in training has shifted the Southampton youngster's career back into gear.

Sims toasted his first Premier League start of the season by laying on Nathan Redmond's first goal in Saints' 3-1 win over Wolves on Saturday.

The academy graduate's early promise had stalled to the point that Sky Bet Championship club Reading sent him back to Saints from a loan stint in January.

Hasenhuttl jumped at the chance to work with the pacy 22-year-old though, with that effort bearing fruit in Saturday's pivotal performance at St Mary's.

"It seems that he had to have some time to impress me, and he's shown me the qualities I need for my game," said Hasenhuttl. "So then I don't care if he was a young player or if he was on loan or something like that. He had a chance to score and so that's something else for him to keep working on, his finishing."

"But I think the system's perfect for him. And he's

not so easy to defend, because he's small, quick and has good movement. I wanted to give him the chance to play. It was really a very difficult decision to leave Oriol [Romeu] out, because he has played three fantastic games."

"But the younger guys showed they were ready for the start, and to have that experience on the bench is a good thing."

Hasenhuttl has transformed Saints' fortunes since taking the St Mary's helm in December.

Mark Hughes could only muster three wins in 22 Premier League matches before being sacked, while no-nonsense Austrian Hasenhuttl has already bagged eight in 18. Saints are now on the brink of top-flight safety, with Hasenhuttl simply improving the

players who were available to him on his arrival.

The taskmaster coach insisted he will only select on training-ground form, in a bid to hand anyone at St Mary's a route to the first XI.

Sims capped his November 2016 Premier League debut with a first-minute assist for Charlie Austin's decisive goal in a 1-0 win over Everton.

Unable to realise that potential, Sims would doubtless have returned to St Mary's from his unsuccessful Reading stint in low spirits.

Saints' proactive new coach saw the raw materials to shape him back into an attacking midfield threat however, and now Sims appears primed to thrive.

"The important thing for the players is to see that if they train well during the week they have the chance to play at the weekend," said Hasenhuttl.

"If they are not showing me during the week then they are not in my first XI. So that's what it's about."



MSL soccer

Noel
O'Sullivan

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AVONDALE UNITED remain in the driving seat in the race for league honours at Beamish Stout Junior Premier Division level after their 4-1 win over Rockmount in Whitechurch at the weekend.

Goals from Mark O'Connell, Greg Murphy, and Jake O'Callaghan, gave the visitors a 3-0 half-time lead and effectively sealed their win.

The second half was a more even affair as both sides traded a goal each, but the win gave Avondale a seven-point lead ahead of the meeting between second-placed Everton and third-placed Ringmahon Rangers the following day in Everton Park.

A first-half goal from Callem Donoghue was enough to give Everton a deserved win and reduce the gap on Avondale to four points with both sides having three games to play, including a meeting between the two at Avondale Park.

Ringmahon's defeat means the champions are out of contention for the league, but they could have a say in its destination with a game against Avondale still to come.

Douglas Hall are Avondale's other opponents in their run-in.

The Hall had a 2-0 win away to Carrigaline United at the weekend thanks to goals from Stephen Barry and Ian Lynch.

Elsewhere Leeds had a 3-2 win over UCC (see page 41 for report on right).

Action continues in this division this evening when College Corinthians welcome Rockmount to Castletreasure (6.30pm).

Rockmount are still not out of the relegation woods yet as they sit in joint third from bottom. Ringmahon Rangers B are already relegated, with UCC second from bottom, four points behind the Whitechurch men.

Rockmount have three games in hand on the Students and one more win would make them safe and send the college side down to the first division.

Rockmount and Corinthians played out a scoreless draw when they met back in January, but Corinthians might go one better here.

If Rockmount fail to get the points they need for survival this evening, they have another opportunity to achieve safety at the weekend when they travel to Leeds on Sunday (10.45am).

These two had some great battles over the past two seasons as they climbed the grades to the premier division, but Leeds have fared better than their northside rivals this year.

However Rockmount had the edge,

Dales take a step closer to league title



Jake O'Callaghan, Avondale Utd, in action against Cobh Wanderers' Andy Hogan during the Junior League Cup final. O'Callaghan was on target in the league win over Rockmount last weekend.

Picture: Jim Coughlan.

2-0, when they met earlier in the season, but Leeds could turn the tables on them here.

At the business end of the table, Avondale can take another step towards the title if they can beat Ringmahon Rangers on Sunday (10.45am).

Ringmahon's defeat in Everton Park at the weekend means the champions surrendered their crown.

They will be keen to put one over on their local rivals however, and Avondale can expect a tough game from a side they drew 1-1 with earlier in the season.

However, Avondale, are in the hunt for a junior treble having bagged the League Cup a few weeks ago, and they will be fancied to take full points here. Meanwhile two premier teams are in

Beamish Stout Junior Super Cup first round action this evening when Ringmahon Rangers B welcome Leeds to Ringmahon Park (6.30pm).

Leeds have already beaten Leeds twice in the league 4-0 and 2-1 and they will be fancied to make it three wins this evening, with a date away to holders Avondale United in the next round the prize.

UCC edge closer to drop after Leeds loss

MSL SOCCER

■ Mark O'Connell

Leeds	3
UCC	2

LEEDS recorded a hard fought 3-2 win over UCC in the Beamish Stout Junior Premier Division in Leeds Park.

Credit has to go to both sides who played some outstanding football over the 90 minutes in testing conditions.

Leeds will be delighted with this display and they looked dangerous every time they attacked. They had some excellent performances from Shane Hurley in defence while Mark Kearney gave a masterclass display in midfield and the strike partnership of Martin Cronin and Dean Mulryan were superb up front.

UCC gave a great account of themselves, but they are in deep trouble in the relegation places. They need to win their two remaining matches and hope that Rockmount lose all of their five remaining games.

They did have some notable displays from Alex O'Connor, Sean Grace, and Luke Creech.

Leeds should have taken the lead in the ninth minute when Colm McNamara picked out Cronin with a superb ball over the College defence but he was denied by a superb block by O'Connor.

In the 16th minute Leeds finally broke the deadlock when Kearney's superb strike from the edge of the box found the corner of the net.

Two minutes later, with practically their first attempt on goal, UCC were back on level terms when Grace scored a beauty from 25 yards to leave it 1-1 at the break.

In the 68th minute Leeds restored their lead when Cronin took advantage of some poor defending and slotted the ball past UCC keeper Liam Cotter.

UCC were unlucky not to draw level again when Grace picked out Conor Kelly who was unmarked at the back post, but he was denied by a superb save from Leeds keeper Sean Fitzgerald.

In the 89th minute Leeds added a third when Gareth O'Donovan thundered his header to the roof of the net.

UCC pulled another goal back in the 90th minute when O'Connor scored the goal of the game, hitting an unbelievable shot from outside the box that flew to the roof of the net to make it 3-2.

UCC threw everything at the Leeds defence in injury time but it was the Ballyvolane side that held on for a well-deserved three points.

LEEDS: Sean Fitzgerald, Ben Sheehan, Shane Hurley, Gareth O'Donovan, Ronan Healy, Mark Kearney, Rowan Meegan, Colm McNamara, Martin Cronin, Roy Kelly, Dean Mulryan.

Subs: Liam Rae, Shane Milner, Jamie Corkery, Jeffery Moynihan.

UCC: Liam Cotter, Mario Rotundo, David O'Regan, Sean Sexton, Alex O'Connor, Luke Creech, Jimmy Goldsmith, Leo Claug, Sean Grace, Conor Kelly, Ike O'Lea.

Sub: Jeff O'Brien.

Tramore join league leaders with five-star display

Mayfield Utd	0
Tramore Ath	5

MSL SOCCER

■ Noel O'Sullivan

TRAMORE ATHLETIC claimed a share of top spot in the Beamish Stout Junior Second Division thanks to a 5-0 win away to Mayfield United at the weekend.

Conor McCarthy, Dave Scott, Andrew McCarthy, Seamus Castleberry, and Shane McCarthy were on the scoresheet for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Midleton were 4-2 winners at home to College Corinthians Academicals who had Colin O'Brien and Brian Nolan on target while loic Nguenang scored twice for Midleton with Dylan O'Riordan and Charlie Whalley also on target.

The games between Glasheen and Bandon, and Kilreen and Youghal United were postponed.

Only one point separates the top three, joint leaders Tramore and Douglas Hall, and Youghal as we head into the final few games.

Tramore have just two games remaining and are not in action this weekend. Hall have three games left while Youghal have four.

Both sides can steal a march on Tramore this weekend, but they face tricky ties. Youghal travel to Bandon on Saturday (3pm) and having beaten the west Cork side 4-1 earlier this year they will fancy their chances.

It may not turn out to be so comfortable in Town Park though, but the visitors should have the edge.

Later in the evening, Douglas Hall will travel to Midle-

ton (7pm). Hall beat the Magpies on the opening day of the season, but their hosts could be a different proposition on home turf.

Midleton are nine points outside the promotion places and while they might have an outside chance of crashing the party, they need to win here to do so.

Hall, though might get something from their trip east, even if it's only a point.

There are two games scheduled for Sunday when Kilreen will face Glasheen (10.45am) while Avondale United A take on Corinthians Academicals later in the day (3pm).

Glasheen beat their close neighbours 2-1 earlier in the season, but it could be Kilreen's day on this occasion.

Meanwhile, Avondale should add to their 2-0 win over Corinthians at Castletreasure back in October with another victory here.



John Finnegan, chairman, Munster Senior League, (right) making a presentation for the O'Neill's Club of the Week to Gus Shanahan, chairman, Kilworth Celtic.
Picture Denis Minihane.

Kingston hits a hat-trick as Crosser win

Blarney Utd	0
Crosshaven	6

MSL SOCCER

■ Noel O'Sullivan

THREE of the top four in the Beamish Stout Junior First Division were in action at the weekend and all three won to close in on leaders Leaside, who were the odd team out.

Crosshaven are just one point behind the frontrunners after they hit Blarney for six without reply at O'Shea Park.

Cian Kingston scored a hat-trick for the visitors while Adam Kiely chipped in with a brace and Darragh Cogan also found the net.

Passage are a point further behind in third after they pipped Park United 2-1 in Brigown Park.

Paul Masterson scored for Park, but goals from Colm O'Driscoll and Eddie McWhinney helped secure the points for the visitors.

Fermoy had been in second spot, along with Crosshaven, going into their home clash with Everton United, but they dropped to fourth following a 3-2 defeat.

Target

Ricky Fraher and Sean Desmond were on target for Fermoy, but two goals from Luke Forde and one from Michael Cotter helped the visitors to a fine win on the road.

St Mary's made it three wins on the bounce when they defeated Wilton United 1-0 at St Mary's Park.

Danny Long scored the only goal of the game to keep St Mary's chances of survival alive.

Mary's win still leaves the second relegation place open to question. The Saints are still in a perilous position, nine points behind Wilton, but with a game in hand.

Wilton need four points from their remaining four games, or for Mary's to drop more points, but Wilton will take a step towards survival if they beat Blarney United in Pat Bowdren Park on Sunday (10.45am).

Blarney are level on points with Wilton with a couple of games in hand, so they are not out of the woods yet either.

Before their trip to Wilton,

though, Blarney have the chance to improve their chances of survival if they can beat Everton United in O'Shea Park tomorrow (6.30pm).

These two met on the opening week of the season back in August and it finished 2-2.

That was one of nine draws for the Togher side and they will go into tomorrow's game in buoyant mood after their win in Carrig Park and they might just add to their win tally here.

That would put Blarney under a bit of pressure going into their game on Sunday. Blarney were beaten 3-1 at home by Wilton and the city side could claim a league double here and move above their visitors.

At the business end of the table, there is a big game in Rockenham on Friday where Passage will host Crosshaven.

When these two met at Camden, it finished 4-3 to Passage. A similar result would give them second spot, but Crosshaven might turn the tables on their promotion rivals here.

There's another big game in Fermoy on Saturday (3pm) when Leaside are the visitors to Carrig Park.

Fermoy were the pace-setters in this division for the first half of the season and were unbeaten before the turn of the year.

Their first game in 2019 was away to Saturday's opponents where they suffered their first reverse of the season, 2-1, and they've had a few more setbacks since.

Leaside will go into this game as the form team of the two, and they could inflict a second successive home defeat on Fermoy and strengthen their own hand at the top of the table.

At the same time, St Mary's will be bidding for a fourth league win on the bounce when they travel to Brigown Park.

The Saints were beaten 2-1 at home by the Mitchelstown outfit, who will be favourites to come out on top again.

Easy victory for



Ballinhassig's Peter Desmond celebrates after scoring a goal against Kilworth Celtic in the Beamish Stout Senior Division 2 game at Sheila Flynn Park, Kilworth.
Picture Denis Minihane

Chasers close the gap

Mallow United	3
Bandon	6

MSL SOCCER

■ Noel O'Sullivan

BANDON and Fermoy closed in on the promotion places with wins over Mallow and Riverstown at the weekend.

It was a high-scoring affair at Town Park where Bandon were 6-3 winners. Stephen Doody scored twice for the home side, and Anthony Bowles once, but two goals each from Brendan Cullen and Richard Holland, and one apiece from Ronan Crowley and Sean Holland helped seal the win for Bandon, who are not just a point behind second-placed Youghal United, but with three games in hand.

Meanwhile at Carrig Park, an Owen O'Neill goal in the first half sealed victory for Fermoy, who are a point further

behind, but crucially, they also with two games in hand on Youghal.

Ballinhassig opened up a seven point lead on Youghal thanks to their 7-1 win away to Kilworth (see report above).

Riverstown's defeat in Fermoy saw them drop to fifth in the table, and they have but they a couple of big games in the next few days.

On Saturday they travel to Ballinhassig, but before that, tomorrow evening, they will welcome Bandon to GACA (6.30pm).

Bandon won at the same venue 10 days ago, 3-1, and another win would see them move ahead of Youghal in the table and they will be fancied to achieve their goal.



Kilworth Celtic	1
Ballinhassig	7

BALLINHASSIG moved seven points clear at the top of the Beamish Stout Senior Second Division after their 7-1 win over an under-strength Kilworth Celtic side.

The visitors took advantage of Youghal's inactivity this weekend to increase their lead with four games remaining.

For Kilworth, it's been a difficult season, their first in the Munster Senior League, but they have shown themselves to be a progressive club with plans in place for a new dressingroom complex with the foundations laid.

They came up against a side in top form here and found themselves behind after six minutes when Michael Aherne's cross from the right was headed home by Peter Desmond.

Ballinhassig applied a lot of early pressure and could have been further ahead by the 15 minute mark.

Kevin Walsh broke on the left and hit a low cross to the near post where Brian Ardley pushed his shot wide from close range.

Two minutes later Walsh got on the end of a Desmond cross from the right, but couldn't direct his effort on target and three minutes later Ben Ryan shot wide from the edge the penalty area after Kilworth had failed to clear the ball in the box.

The home side appeared to weather the storm and created a couple of chances themselves.

Eoin Condon was impressive throughout for Kilworth and on 17 minutes he got in behind the Ballinhassig defence on the left and, spotting Ryan Scully off his line, he lobbed the keeper, but the ball drifted high and wide.

Four minutes later, though, Kilworth were level when Johnny Lane's corner on the right was powerfully headed home by Condon.

Parity didn't last long, though, as Ballinhassig jumped in front again on 24 minutes when they won a free just outside the penalty area and Ryan drilled the ball low past Patrick O'Brien in the home goal.

Kilworth went for an immediate response and Kenneth Condon teed up Lane on the edge of the box, but his first-time shot flew over the crossbar,

Forde strikes for View to dent Carrig title bid

Castlevew	1
Carrigaline United	0

CARRIGALINE suffered a setback in their quest for league honours when they were beaten 1-0 by Castlevew at O'Sullivan Park.

Kelvin Forde got the only goal of the game and now Carrigaline will be hoping Castlevew will do the same to St Mary's when they meet on Friday evening in St Mary's Park (7.30pm).

A draw in that game would see the Saints crowned champions ahead of their final game of the season against Carrigaline.

The other game scheduled in this division, Wilton's home clash with Park United was postponed.

leaders Ballinhassig



Kilworth Celtic's Eoin Condon heading the ball to the net against Ballinhassig in the Beamish Stout MSL Senior Division 2 game at Sheila Flynn Park, Kilworth. Picture Denis Minihane

while four minutes later George Heskin struck the post with a vicious drive.

It was Ballinhassig who scored next though, when Desmond got his second of the game after bursting through the home defence before crashing the ball past O'Brien.

Kilworth had been in the game for most of the first half, but it began to slip away from them five minutes after the restart when Ballinhassig made it 4-1.

Desmond raced on to a through ball, kept onside by a defender's touch on it, and as O'Brien left his line, the striker managed to poke it past the keeper and it was heading towards the net before Walsh helped it in to make sure.

O'Brien was injured in the incident and had to go off, leaving Condon to go in goal and Kilworth down to 10 men.

Ballinhassig emptied their bench with two of their substitutes completing the goalscoring.

David Crotty was next on the scoresheet when he got on the end of through ball and applied a good finish on 70

minutes.

Two minutes later Crotty got a second after Condon could only half clear the ball and when it fell to Ballinhassig man he drove it home to make it 6-1.

Five minutes later Ballinhassig added another when Gavin Tackaberry tapped home from close range after a delivery from the right to round off a good day at the office for the league leaders.

They have one foot in the first division with the league title in sight, but they have tougher tests ahead, with games against Riverstown, Fermoy, Bandon, and Youghal still to come.

KILWORTH CELTIC: Patrick O'Brien, Jamie Condon, Jason McCarthy, Henry Allen, Joseph Cahill, Johnny Lane, George Heskin, Sean Hegarty, Eoin Condon, Joseph Aherne, Kenneth Condon.

BALLINHASSIG: Ryan Scully, Barry Kelly, Gavin Dorney, Cian Lucey, Conor O'Reilly, Michael Aherne, Brian Ardley, Joe Donovan, Peter Desmond, Kevin Walsh, Ben Ryan.

Subs: Stephen O'Donovan for Lucey (58), David Crotty for Ardley (60), Liam Finn and Gavin Tackaberry for Desmond and O'Reilly (both 62), Patrick Murphy for Ryan (65).

Referee: JP Grey



Ballinhassig's Peter Desmond being congratulated by Michael Aherne after he scored against Kilworth Celtic. Picture Denis Minihane

Ringmahon's revival continues

Ringmahon Rangers 2
Midleton 1

RINGMAHON were back in pole position in the Beamish Stout Senior Premier Division after a fine 2-1 win over Midleton at the weekend.

Ian Stapleton scored for the visitors, but goals from Jack Cairns and Dean Swords helped Ringmahon to victory and a share of top spot with Cobh Wanderers who have a game less played.

Elsewhere Avondale United and Douglas Hall played out a scoreless draw at Avondale Park.

MSL SOCCER

■ Noel O'Sullivan

At the time of going to press last night, Rockmount and UCC were playing in Rockmount Park where a win for either would give them top spot.

Midleton are back in action this evening when they take on Mayfield United in Knockgriffin Park (7.30pm).

Their loss to Ringmahon Park was a blow to their chances of retaining the title.

It was always going to be a big ask, with so many games to catch up on, but they will be

keen to get back to winning ways ahead of their trip to Glebe North in the FAI Cup on Saturday.

These two played out a draw on the opening weekend of the season, but Midleton might go one better on this occasion.

Because of FAI Cup action at the weekend when four MSL clubs will be vying for a place in the open draw, there is just one game on Saturday when Ringmahon will host Leeds (3pm).

Ringmahon have clearly emerged from lean spell in recent weeks with two league wins sandwiching their Donie Forde Cup triumph over

Avondale.

If last night's game produced a winner, Ringmahon would leapfrog them into top spot if they get the better of the Ballyvolane side.

Ringmahon were big 5-1 winners when they met in Leeds Park at the end of October. Indeed that was their last win before they suffered a loss in form, but they have found their winning touch again and while Leeds have had a couple of good results in recent games, two wins in their last three games, Ringmahon should pick up another three points here.

Beamish Stout Senior Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobh Wanderers	13	6	4	3	12	9	22
Ringmahon Rangers	14	7	1	6	25	24	22
Rockmount	12	6	3	3	16	10	21
UCC	12	6	2	4	20	8	20
Douglas Hall	13	4	7	2	13	10	19
College Cors	13	5	3	5	16	16	18
Midleton	11	3	5	3	10	10	14
Avondale Utd	11	4	2	5	9	13	14
Leeds	13	3	3	7	11	24	12
Mayfield Utd	12	1	4	7	13	21	7

Beamish Stout Senior 1st Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Marys	14	10	3	1	31	11	33
Carrigaline Utd	15	9	3	3	32	11	30
Castleview	15	8	2	5	32	21	26
Blarney Utd	15	7	3	5	29	19	24
Kinsale	14	5	2	7	18	24	17
Everton	15	3	6	6	21	32	15
Leeds	14	4	3	7	17	34	15
Park Utd	13	3	3	7	21	29	12
Wilton Utd	13	1	3	9	12	32	6

Beamish Stout Senior 2nd Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ballinhassig	17	12	3	2	52	18	39
Youghal Utd	18	10	2	6	42	29	32
Bandon	15	9	4	2	44	22	31
Fermoy	16	9	3	4	37	22	30
Riverstown	17	8	3	6	39	26	27
Mallow Utd	18	5	2	11	28	50	17
Kilworth Celtic	18	4	1	13	33	63	13
Casement Celtic	21	3	2	16	21	66	11

Beamish Stout Junior Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avondale United	15	12	2	1	38	10	38
Everton	15	11	1	3	33	14	34
Ringmahon Rangers	15	8	4	3	33	15	28
Douglas Hall	16	8	2	6	30	14	26
Carrigaline Utd	17	7	2	8	22	21	23
College Cors	16	7	2	7	22	22	23
Leeds	15	7	3	6	27	28	23
Rockmount	13	3	3	7	14	23	12
UCC	16	1	5	10	13	37	8
Ringmahon Rangers	16	1	1	14	12	60	4

Beamish Stout Junior 1st Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	16	10	4	2	32	20	34
Crosshaven	16	10	3	3	49	21	33
Passage	16	10	2	4	46	25	32
Fermoy	17	8	6	3	41	26	30
Cobh Wanderers	18	7	4	7	34	25	25
Everton Utd	17	5	9	3	36	33	24
Park Utd	16	6	4	6	28	34	22
Blarney Utd	15	5	3	7	27	38	18
Wilton Utd	17	5	3	9	28	42	18
St Marys	16	3	0	13	19	47	9
Carrigaline Utd A	18	2	2	14	26	55	8

Beamish Stout Junior 2nd Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tramore Ath	18	13	1	4	53	16	40
Douglas Hall Ath	17	13	1	3	48	20	40
Youghal Utd	16	12	3	1	51	14	39
Midleton	16	10	1	5	38	25	31
Bandon	16	8	1	7	31	22	25
UCC Academicals	18	8	0	10	37	38	24
Avondale Utd	17	7	2	8	35	35	23
Kilreene Celtic	16	5	0	11	36	46	15
Cors Academicals	17	4	1	12	17	54	13
Mayfield Utd	18	3	2	13	23	75	11
Glasheen	15	2	2	11	20	44	8

Beamish Stout Floodlit League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ringmahon Rangers	10	6	1	3	24	15	19
Ballincollig	10	5	4	1	12	6	19
Leeds	9	5	3	0	24	6	18
Crofton Celtic	10	4	4	2	12	16	16
Rockmount	9	4	2	3	15	7	14
Mayfield Utd	9	4	2	3	10	7	14
Cobh Wanderers	9	3	3	3	15	17	12
Douglas Hall	10	3	2	5	10	17	11
College Cors	9	2	3	3	8	15	9
St Marys	9	2	2	5	9	11	8
Wilton Utd	10	0	0	10	4	32	0



Ringmahon goalscorer Dean Swords.

Silverware will be heading to Lyre

West Cork soccer

Ger
McCarthy

AN historic mini-season for Lyre Rovers was highlighted by the West Cork Schoolboys League club's U13 squad's domestic and Skechers SFAI National Cup successes.

Lyre Rovers fielded teams in each of the U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16 Schoolboys age-grades over the past nine months. The progressive west Cork club are currently developing their home ground in Lyre/Knockskeagh and catering for an increasing number of players aged between 7 and 18 years of age.

The club's senior team spent the majority of the campaign near the summit of the West Cork League Premier Division before dropping out of the title race in the final months. Even more encouragingly, Rovers U18's top the WCL U18 League standings heading towards the business end of the season.

Pride of place goes to the Lyre U13 squad who made headlines during the 2018-19' campaign because of a terrific Skechers SFAI U13 National Cup run and SuperValu U13 Premier League title success.

Dan Bailey's side won all of their league outings to top the league table and qualify for a play-off final with second placed Bantry Bay Rovers. The Kealkill side produced a battling performance but were unable to contain a Lyre attack that scored five times without reply to seal their deserved championship success. Timothy Cullinane and Louka Mohan bagged braces while Jason Murray also getting his name on the scoresheet in a 5-0 play-off final victory over Bantry Bay.

Yet, it was Rovers' status as one of the last 16 clubs left in the national stages of the SFAI U13 Cup that deserves the highest praise.

Victories over Kinsale B on penalties (after a 2-2 draw), Innishvilla (1-0) and Macroom (3-0) saw the WCSL side qualify from the Cork section and progress to the national stages of the prestigious knockout competition. Lyre hosted Dundalk club Glenmuir United in the round of 32 and registered a convincing 3-0 win thanks to Louka Mohan, Jason Murray and Timothy Cullinane efforts.

An even larger attendance turned up to watch Rovers round of 16 clash with Carrigaline United but the Cork Schoolboys League side proved too strong and ran out deserving 3-0 winners to end Lyre's interest in the competition. A marvellous mini-season was capped off with news of Sam Bailey leaving Lyre for Cork City and his teammate Louka Mohan joining Cobh Ramblers in the new SSE Airtricity U13 League of Ireland.

Lyre Rovers 2018-19' squad: Milo O'Donovan, Eamonn O'Donovan, Cillian Twohig, Ralph Sutton, Tim Bailey, Sam Bailey (captain), Shane O'Regan, Donnagh O'Driscoll, Louka Mohan, Timothy Cullinane, Ciarán Coakley, Jason Murray, Oisín Harrington, Paddy O'Donovan, Sean Fargoli, Olan Murphy, Joe Barry and Ruairi O'Sullivan.

WELL EARNED

A joint-first place finish in the SuperValu U12 Premier League earned Lyre Rovers entry into a play-off tour-



The Lyre Rovers squad that defeated Glenmuir United (Dundalk) 3-0 in the Skechers SFAI U13 National Cup round of 32 at Lyre before bowing out of the competition.



Lyre Rovers U13 players celebrate their Skechers SFAI U13 National Cup round of 32 victory at home to Glenmuir United (Dundalk) at Lyre earlier this season. Picture: Ger McCarthy

nament with Skibbereen Celtic and Dunmanway Town Cadets to decide the title. Rovers got off to an encouraging start by defeating the latter 2-1 thanks to Joe Barry and James Hansberry strikes. Alas, Skibbereen Celtic's 2-0 win at the Baltimore Road ended Rovers title aspirations.

An encouraging U12 mini-season owed much to Jason Murray, Joe Bailey, Tim Bailey, Oisín Harrington and Rory McCarthy's efforts who were part of a talented squad.

Rovers U14's found the going tough in the SuperValu U14 Premier League but improved as the campaign progressed. Dominic Lombard topped the scoring charts in a team Conor O'Sullivan, Sean White, Joe Bishop and Frank Beechinor stood out.

Lyre enjoyed a superb SuperValu U15 Premier League campaign which saw the Lyre-Knockskeagh outfit finish top of the table having won all but

one of their league fixtures. A Premier League play-off semi-final with eventual champions Bunratty United ended in a surprise 5-3 defeat after extra time. Lyre U15's will be anxious to atone for that loss when the new WCSL 2019 season kicks at the end of April. Ethan Buttmer, Ferghal Murphy, Cian O'Sullivan, Brian Buttmer, Conor O'Sullivan and Mikey Alvarez were just some of the Rovers team to impress at during the past mini-season. It was a similar story for the WCSL club's U16's who enjoyed a terrific run in the SuperValu U16 Premier League. Six wins and a solitary loss saw Lyre finish top of the table and earn a home semi-final in the league play-offs.

Rovers hosted Sullane in the last four on March 9th and were pushed all the way before emerging narrow 1-0 winners courtesy of a Sean Crowley strike. Bantry Bay Rovers defeated Beara United in the second semi-final

and faced off against Lyre for the trophy in Canon Crowley Park.

The Kealkill side led 1-0 at the break and held on for a surprise 2-1 win to claim the U16 Premier League trophy. Despite their play-off disappointment, there was much to admire during Lyre Rovers' campaign. Sean Crowley and Colm O'Brien combined for 13 goals in a squad Tim McCarthy, Finn Moroney, Ferghal Murphy and James O'Brien also found the net. James O'Brien, Alan Kennedy and Ciarán Hurley also made valuable contributions during run to the final.

Ahead of the new SuperValu WCSL April-November calendar season, Lyre Rovers will once again field teams at every available age grade. A strong underage set up complemented by a floodlit home ground and increasing playing numbers suggests silverware will be heading back to one of West Cork's best supported clubs.

Cobh U17s look to build on best outing

SOCCER

■ Andrew Horgan

COBH RAMBLERS U17 manager Marc O'Donovan-Wyatt was full of praise for his side following what he believes was their best performance of the season in their 3-1 victory against Carlow Kilkenny on Saturday afternoon.

Goals from Luke Kennedy, David Bosnjak, and Kane Rowlands was enough to earn Cobh the three points at St Colman's Park and secure their second win of the SSE Airtricity League U17 Southern Elite Division.

"Absolutely it was our best," said the manager. "We need to remember that this is their fifth competitive game together and it has been a merger of nearly two squads between last year's 15s and last year's 17s that qualify."

"We also had two or three players that came into the squad so it's a brand new group. They are slowly getting their cohesion and they are getting to know each other on and off the pitch as well and it's transcending onto the pitch."

"You can probably see that we have such a good culture, they're all just a group now and it's fantastic it's really, really good. We showed that we can control the game by controlling the possession and we can show our quality in the right areas."

"We are finding that our decision making in the right areas has been a challenge for us but it certainly wasn't today they were really, really impressive."

"But like everything there is still things we can pick holes in and we will go back to the drawing board and see what we need to improve on and build on that for next week."

Cobh's next game is away to Bray Wanderers on Saturday week and O'Donovan-Wyatt is confident his side can build on this form.

"I keep saying it to the guys that every day is a building block," he said.

"Every session, every day, and every match we have played from the WIT tournament to Waterford, Cork, and Kerry, every game that we have played, we have taken new lessons away and we have been applying them every week to make sure we don't make the same mistakes."

"We are going to teach the lads how to develop, how to play football and now we're slowly starting to evolve."

"We beat Kerry on the opening day and we had two tough results against Waterford and Cork and then recently against Galway, we were 2-1 up and with the last kick of the game, they made it 2-2."

"I think this win has been coming, this performance has been coming and now it's a case of kicking on. Now the lads can finally see the potential that we can see that is now the new baseline so now we need to build on it."

“Pride of place goes to the Lyre U13 squad who made headlines during the 2018-19' campaign

Hayes will relish the Bhoys' glory hunt

SOCCER

■ Damian Spellman

JONNY HAYES plans to cherish every minute of Celtic's triple treble push after fearing his career at Parkhead was doomed.

The Irishman spent six long months out of action after suffering a broken leg against Dundee in December 2017.

And during the dark days of his recovery he worried he would never be able to shake off the aches and pains caused by the horror collision with Dark Blues defender Josh Meekings.

But with the support of his family, the 31-year-old former Aberdeen winger fought his way back to fitness and has been given a new lease of life under interim Hoops boss Neil Lennon.

A peripheral figure during Brendan Rodgers' time in charge, Hayes has now become a key man for Lennon and was even given the nod to start Sunday's William Hill Scottish Cup semi-final against Aberdeen ahead of Scott Sinclair.

Now having helped shoot down his old Pittodrie teammates in the 3-0 Hampden triumph, he plans to soak up every minute as Celtic look to finish the campaign on a high by completing the domestic clean sweep against Hearts in the May 25 final.

"Since I had the injury I've decided that every moment I have on the pitch is there to be cherished," said Hayes.

"I just love getting out there and if I can contribute in a positive way then all the better.

"It's been all a bit stop-start since I came but every time you get to play it's an opportunity and it's important you don't throw it away.

"When I got injured, to be honest I did worry this move might not work out.

"I broke my leg and two or three months into the rehab I was still feeling the pain every day. I didn't know if I was going to come back and there were times when you think you'll never get back to being the same player.

"All that doubt goes through your head but I've got a good family who support me. My wife convinced me I was all right, probably just to get me out the house.

"The medical team here were phenomenal and I remember the old manager (Rodgers) coming up to me one day and saying, 'You look like you're back to normal now, so it will probably be two or three months until you're fully back and sharp'.

"I was thinking I was already back! But the medical team know our bodies better than we do and they had full confidence that I'd come back.

"That has just made me all the more determined to make the most of the opportunities I get. Every game from here on in is a big game and I need to grab them with both hands."

Liverpool aim for record 97 points

SOCCER

■ Simon Stone

LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp has set his sights on a club-record 97 points as the race for the Premier League title enters its final month.

A 2-0 win over Chelsea restored the Reds' two-point advantage at the top of the table after Manchester City, who have a match in hand, had briefly taken back first place with a win at Crystal Palace earlier in the day.

The Reds now have 85 points, five short of their previous league best of 90 from 40 matches in the 1987-88 campaign in which they were champions.

City won the league with 100 points last season but Klopp is targeting four more wins to push their rivals all the way over the closing few weeks.

"The biggest challenge for us is always facing the world outside, you [the media] and other people. We play our game," he said. "If City lost and we find out five minutes before the game that's not a help. You lose your focus then. We only try to collect as many points as possible. What is it now, 85? Four games to play — 97. Let's try."

"And if that's enough, then perfect. If not, we cannot change it. And we didn't lose it here or there or whatever.

"Very smart people will come out and say 'Yeah, if you would have won against Leicester you would be champions'. It's all bullshit. People and idiots bring something like this up.

"We see it game by game. We go to Porto now (holding a 2-0 lead in the Champions League), which will be a tough one. We know that they get at least two players back, Pepe and (Hector) Herrera, so they will be an interesting and difficult challenge.

"Then we play Cardiff and everybody knows that is a tough place to go."

The victory over Chelsea was encapsulated in a couple of two-minute episodes in the second half. Sadio Mane's header from a Jordan Henderson cross was followed moments later by a world-class strike from Mohamed Salah, his 22nd of the season, as he cut in from the right to unleash a left-footed shot into the top corner.

Chelsea head coach Maurizio Sarri was forced into a change, introducing

Premier League									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Liverpool	34	26	7	1	77	20	85		
Man City	33	27	2	4	86	22	83		
Tottenham Hotspur	33	22	1	10	64	34	67		
Arsenal	33	20	6	7	66	40	66		
Chelsea	34	20	6	8	57	36	66		
Man Utd	33	19	7	7	63	44	64		
Leicester	34	14	5	15	46	45	47		
Wolverhampton	33	13	8	12	41	42	47		
Everton	34	13	7	14	46	44	46		
Watford	33	13	7	13	47	48	46		
West Ham	34	12	6	16	42	52	42		
AFC Bournemouth	34	12	5	17	49	61	41		
Crystal Palace	34	11	6	17	40	46	39		
Burnley	34	11	6	17	42	60	39		
Newcastle	34	10	8	16	32	43	38		
Southampton	33	9	9	15	39	54	36		
Brighton	32	9	6	17	32	51	33		
Cardiff	33	8	4	21	28	63	28		
Fulham	34	5	5	24	32	76	20		
Huddersfield	34	3	5	26	19	67	14		



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has celebrated his team's home victory against Chelsea on Sunday, he has set his sights on a club-record 97 points as the race for the Premier League title enters its final month.

Picture: Peter Byrne/PA

Gonzalo Higuain and moving Eden Hazard from a false nine role into his usual position on the left, which brought immediate results.

Hazard beat Alisson Becker in a one-on-one only for his shot to rebound off the post before firing a first-time, close-range shot straight at the goalkeeper when he seemed certain to score, with Higuain also missing a chance soon after.

"We were a little bit unlucky for the second goal, for the timing," said Sarri, who was genuine in his congratulations for Salah after bumping into him after the game.

"The second goal of Mo was wonderful and then we were a little bit unlucky because in three minutes we had three goal opportunities, two with Hazard and one with Higuain and we hit the post for the 35th time in our season.

"But I am really happy with the performance because we stayed in the match very well. Two or three months ago we would not have done."



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah embraces manager Jurgen Klopp as he is substituted during the Premier League match at Anfield, Liverpool.

Picture: Peter Byrne/PA

Cork City boss: We had to be at the top of our game

U17 SOCCER

■ Mortimer Murphy

CORK CITY manager Liam Kearney was delighted after the emphatic display from his U17 charges at the weekend.

The Leisiders took their opportunities in Kerry to record a resounding 5-1 victory.

"You could say we were clinical and I am happy for the boys as we have been creating chances but not taking them. For example, last week we had the chances to win and we didn't."

"We know the job Billy has done with Kerry and the run they are on so we knew we had to be at the top of our game." Former Cork City boss Billy Dennehy is at the helm in his native county and they have plenty of gifted players.

"It is good that the boys are really buying into what we want them to do and the system of play we want from them.

"At this age, it is all about trying to be as consist-

ent as possible and taking the opportunities when they come along.

"Credit to Kerry, they tried hard and the scoreline was probably a little harsh on them," said Kearney.

"However, we really wanted these three points to draw level with Kerry in second place.

"And, of course, from our point of view it was good to see the two Kerry players playing well, especially Sean who probably should have had a hat-trick but that is being a little greedy!"

"We will continue to work hard during the break as we know there are no easy games at this age group."

For Kerry it was a frustrating day, according to

manager Billy Dennehy.

"Firstly, well done to Cork City, they put in a very good 90 minutes and especially in the second half," he said.

"We had chances when only one down to draw level but once the second went in we were chasing the game, and they are lethal once they sniff out any small opening.

"But we will dust ourselves down and get back onto the training ground and get ready to go again," said Dennehy.

"These are a very good bunch of players who have made a great start to the campaign.

"They'll recharge over the holidays and will also be working hard on the training ground.

"We were on a great run and myself and James (Sugrue) will do everything to have the players ready to go again after Easter."

Allen has final say in the first leg

AUL SOCCER

■ Barry Peelo

CITY WANDERERS carry a one-goal advantage with them into the second leg of the AOH Cup semi-final after their narrow 1-0 victory over Innishvilla at Knocknacurra over the weekend.

Both sides gave as much as they got with very little in it over the first 30 minutes.

The decisive moment arrived around the 35th minute when from a corner, Niall Allen pounced to poke home the only goal in the game to hand City Wanderers the advantage. Wanderers will now face Innishvilla at home in the second leg this coming Friday night in the CIT Grounds at 7.45pm. Best for Wanderers were Jack Gibbons and Joe Coulson.

NOTICEBOARD

DISCIPLINARY MEETING: There will be a disciplinary meeting at Turner's Cross this evening at 7pm sharp.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, May 3:
St Michael's Cup Final:
Corkbeg v Glen Celtic,
Turner's Cross, 7.30pm.

Tuesday, May 7:
Saxone Cup Final: Church-
villa v Grattan United B,
Turner's Cross, 7.30pm.

UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

Please ensure that all of your players are properly registered and signed by your club prior to playing any competitive games. The league will treat this offence as being very serious and will deal with such offences accordingly with an equally serious view.

FIXTURES' SECRETARY

Fixtures' secretary - Ted O'Mahony (corkaulfix-
tures@gmail.com) is fixtures' secretary for the season.

He can only be contacted on this number 087-7937783 at the following times -

Monday: 6.30pm to 8pm
Tuesday: 6.30pm to 8pm
Thursday: 6.30pm to 8pm
Friday: 6.30pm to 8pm
Saturday: 10am to 5pm
Sunday: 10am to 2pm

CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

Please note: Under no circumstances are texts or emails acceptable to the fixtures' secretary when calling off games.

Ted O'Mahony must be contacted by phone (087-7937783) before permission can be granted to cancel fixtures for any reasons.

FRIENDLIES

Would all clubs please note that permission for friendly games must be got from the league before they can be arranged.

If playing a team from outside the Cork AUL, that team must have permission from their own league as well before the game can take place.

If you do not have permission to organise a friendly game, then you may not be covered by your insurance should an injury occur in the game.

Vaughan on the



Martin Conlon (Cork AUL) presents the man of the match award (Sponsored by Gary McCarthy Trophies) to Village United's Colin Hickey.

Picture: Barry Peelo



AUL soccer

Barry Peelo

UCC A	3
Corkbeg	2

A BRACE from Eoin Vaughan and a superb finish by Dean Buckley handed UCC A all three points following their 3-2 victory over Corkbeg in what was a cracking league one contest at the Farm.

It was the students who imposed their game first with Pablo Mato firing over after forcing three corners in quick succession.

Then, Connor Murphy supported good build up play from the students before steadying to drill over with a good effort.

A strong run from Eoin Vaughan took him deep into the Corkbeg half where he fed Dean Buckley on the right channel, Buckley then picked out the supporting Vaughan who seemed to have lost his balance while in a good position inside the box.

But, Corkbeg were starting to find their feet a bit and a driving run from Shane Bennett saw him skip past two UCC opponents before squaring for Alan Hogan who forced Steven O'Reilly into a marvellous save.

And when the students turned defence into attack, Dean Buckley could not get a touch with his head to Vaughan's chipped pass near goal.

The ice was broken on 31 minutes when Connor Murphy embarked on a run which he finished after picking out Eoin Vaughan to rifle home the student's opener despite Tynan getting a hand to it.

UCC were certainly going through a good spell now and came close again when Pablo Mato twisted and turned before seeing his rifling low effort cannon back off the butt of the upright.

This was followed by a terrific effort from Jorge Agis Aguin when he saw his effort whistle agonisingly past the upright.

Then, just before the end of the first 45, Mato had a chance, but fired straight at Tynan.

Corkbeg made some changes at the break — one of which was to replace stand-in keeper Tariq Tynan (who then took up his position in an outfield role), with Liam O'Brian and it certainly paid off as Corkbeg's approach was much brighter.

In fact, it was Tynan who had Corkbeg back on track when he collected from the impressive Shane Bennett before cracking a fine effort deep into the students net on 52 minutes.

But, an immediate response from

South Coast Athletic win boosts title prospects

AUL SOCCER

■ Barry Peelo

SOUTH COAST ATHLETIC boosted their title aspirations with a 2-0 victory over Glenthorn Celtic in 2A. The game was played at Shanbally.

South Coast led after 20 minutes. Paul Ronan rose to head home from John Paul Thompson's free-kick. In the 80th minute, a mix-up in the Glenthorn Celtic defence presented JP Quigley with an opportunity that he poked home to double the home side's advantage. With just one game left, South Coast Athletic just need one point to take the title.

Ard Na Laoi brought the curtain down on their season with a 1-1 draw away to Los Zarcos over the weekend.

David Cunningham had Ard Na Laoi in front on the half-hour, but a penalty strike by Dinny Twomey ensured a draw.

Best for Los Zarcos were Liam Cronin, Pat Di-

neen, Darragh Murphy, and Adrian Sheehan.

Best for Ard Na Laoi were John Paul Raith, Cormac Rice, and Gerald Delaney.

UCC B made the short trip to Murphy's Farm and came away with a 2-1 victory against Greenmount Rangers, in 3A.

The students went ahead after Kevin Quirke's strike was parried away by Greenmount's keeper, Tim Healy.

A superbly struck free-kick by Sean Darcy, on the half-hour, doubled UCC's advantage, before Green-

mount scored shortly before the break. Both sides cancelled each other out in the second-half, as UCC B held on to secure the points.

Best for UCC B were Barry O'Callaghan and Jack Moran in midfield.

St. John Bosco's leapfrogged Watergrasshill United into second spot, when they inflicted a first league defeat of the season on 3A champions, Grangevale, following a 2-1 victory at Dungourney.

Bosco's were good value for their lead at half-time, as it was 1-0 to the East Cork side after Barry Cahill fired them in front in the 20th minute.

Then, on the hour, Tim Hartnett added a second for Bosco's.

It was nip-and-tuck after that, with Grangevale doing everything possible to get back on track, but, despite scoring, they failed to equalise.

double in UCC win



The UCC A side that had a 3-2 victory over Corkbeg in their league one clash at the Farm.

Picture: Barry Peelo

UCC had Connor Murphy forcing Liam O'Brien to a low save.

The students restored their advantage once again when Mato danced past two tackles before forcing O'Brien to a fine save, but from the re-bound, Eoin Vaughan was on hand to slam home with gusto.

A terrific run then saw Shane Bennett balance himself before unleashing what looked like an unstoppable effort into the top corner, but Steven O'Reilly produced a marvellous save at the expense of a corner.

Then came the goal of the game.

UCC's Dean Buckley picked up possession around the centre before setting off on a run that saw him slalom past two defenders before picking his spot with a superbly struck effort that went in off the upright to nestle in the Corkbeg net — 3-1 to UCC on 70.

But, the contest was a real open affair and soon we saw Jordan Ryan coming close for the Beg before they clawed one back on 75 minutes following an exquisite strike and finish from Shane Bennett.

UCC's Mato then saw his blistering effort go narrowly past the upright, and minutes later he slammed the side-net with another forceful strike.

Corkbeg had no choice now, but to chase the game in an effort to at least salvage a point, and it nearly arrived when Bennett played in Jordan Ryan, but the midfielder was denied by a superb save from Steven O'Reilly.

When play shifted quickly to the other end, UCC's Eoin Vaughan nearly completed his hat-trick, but he steered wide shortly before Paul O'Sullivan brought closure to the contest.

UCC A: Steven O'Reilly, Matt Ellis, Kevin Russell, Dave Behan, Luke Magee, Jorge Agis Aguin, Eoin Vaughan, Sean Buckley, Pablo Mato, Dean Buckley, Connor Murphy.

Subs: Ben O'Neill for Sean Buckley (68), John Walsh for Pablo Mato (89).

Corkbeg: Tariq Tynan, Darragh O'Mahoney, Tommy Smyth, Steven Hourihan, Danny Creedon, Shane Bennett, Denis O'Sullivan, Aaron Berry, Ryan Forde, Alan Hogan, Jordan Ryan.

Subs: Ryan O'Neill for Denis O'Sullivan (28), Liam O'Brien and Dean Horgan for Ryan Forde Alan Hogan (half-time).

Referee: Paul O'Sullivan.



UCC A captain Connor Murphy (left) welcomes Corkbeg's captain Tommy Smyth, watched by referee Paul O'Sullivan.

Picture: Barry Peelo

O'Donnell in commanding form as Waterloo win 3-2

WATERLOO beat Greenwood 3-2 in their Premier A clash at Leghanamore.

Brendan O'Donnell scored one for Waterloo and assisted with their two other goals.

O'Donnell's tremendous strike nestled in the bottom corner to hand Waterloo the early advantage, and his assist for Rob Timothy, who volleyed home, meant that Waterloo doubled their advantage soon afterwards.

But back bounced Greenwood, when Brian O'Connor got on the end of a free-kick to poke home and reduce the arrears.

Then, it was all square again, when Dylan Murphy latched on to a free-kick, before firing home for 2-2.

But, having the final say was Waterloo's. Darragh Sheehan collected from O'Donnell's pass, before drilling home the winner.

AUL SOCCER

Barry Peelo

Buttevant beat Tower FC 3-2 in their Premier A clash over the weekend. The game was played in Buttevant.

Timmy O'Donovan fired Tower in front on the half-hour, but, right on the stroke of half-time, Paul Mannix levelled for Buttevant.

Then, in the 65th minute, Muiris O'Connell put Buttevant in front, with a good finish, only for Tower FC's James Buckley to restore parity.

With ten minutes to go, Paddy Behan's cross was headed home by JJ Noonan. That clinched the points for Buttevant.

League Two leaders, Blackpool Celtic, cemented their grip at the helm with a 6-1 victory over Churchvillia, at Kilboy, in Cloyne.

Blackpool got off to a blistering start and were soon in front, when Timmy Twomey scored, before Patrick O'Connell got their second, shortly afterwards.

And although Churchvillia pulled one back, Dave Twomey grabbed a brace to send Blackpool into the break 4-1 up. Two more goals followed in the second period, one from Damian Galvin, while the other, the sixth, was Timmy Twomey's second.

The pressure is really on both Blackpool Celtic and Carrigtwohill United B.

With two games left, Blackpool Celtic must go for the wins and can reach 39 points. On the other hand, Carrigtwohill United B can win the title, but must win their six remaining games.

Top dogs Glen hit Rovers for six

AUL SOCCER

Barry Peelo

LEAGUE one leaders Glen Celtic strengthened their grip at the helm after coming from behind to defeat Central Rovers 6-3 in their league one encounter at Central Park.

There were plenty of goals in this one and it was Central who nosed in front on 15 minutes when Dilan O'Donovan slammed home the opener — only to see it cancelled out by the equaliser from Glen's John Corcoran after terrific work by William Corcoran down the flanks.

A second from John Corcoran followed soon afterwards before Gary Nolan had them entering the break with a 3-1 advantage after a good finish.

But, back bounced Central with Paul Connolly finding the target before Dilan O'Donovan grabbed the equaliser when he slammed home from the spot.

Glen Celtic needed to dust themselves down at this point and that they did when they pushed on promptly and after upping the gears, they restored the lead with Gary Nolan firing home from a free kick. And it was 5-3 to Glen when Nolan completed his hat-trick with a neat finish.

Glen were after regaining complete composure now at this point and it was John Corcoran who finished off his hat-trick with an audacious lob which caught the Central keeper who was off his line to make it finally 6-3 in the end to Glen Celtic.

Best for Glen Celtic were Sean Horgan who had a terrific game between the sticks for the league one leaders and Patrick Joyce who also put in a good shift over the duration.

Cathedral Celtic came out on top 2-1 after bagging all three points from their away game against Dunbar Celtic in league one.

After a scoreless first 45, Dunbar Celtic broke the ice with an accurate strike from a free kick by Shane O'Byrne.

But, ten minutes later, Cathedral Celtic responded with their equaliser coming from Paul O'Driscoll when his superbly struck effort from 30 yards out flew into the top corner.

Then, with ten remaining, Ian Shellard setup Brian Montgomery to score the winner and secure all three points for Cathedral Celtic.

Best for Cathedral were Stephen McAuliffe and Stephen O'Callaghan.

Elsewhere, Rathcoole Rovers and CFC Banteer ground out a scoreless draw in their 1A game at Rathcoole — despite both sides having chances throughout the 90 minutes of action.

Despite this draw, Rathcoole Rovers still remain on top with eight points to spare over Donoughmore who have three games in hand.

Next Saturday's Rathcoole travel to take on Donoughmore Athletic in what will be a massive game.



Togher Celtic celebrate after winning only their second Beamish Cup trophy in their history.

The long wait is over for Togher

Togher Celtic 1
Drinagh Rangers 0

ACCORDING to the song "Twenty one Years' is a mighty long time" and even longer for Togher who had to endure an extra 365 days before they got their hands on the Beamish Cup for the second time in their history.

They captured a much-coveted trophy way back in 1997 and since then have toiled in vain to emulate that feat. In Sunday's final, at a resplendent Skibbereen venue, they had debutante winger Donnacha Collins firing home the only goal of the game just two minutes after the start, but the question was, would it be enough? At the end of a frantic struggle it proved to be the difference in a decider where their keeper Ciarán Murray brought off some unbelievable saves.

His heroics were testament to the way the defending champions from Drinagh fought to retain their title right up to the end. However, the good fortune they had enjoyed in earlier rounds deserted them on this occasion where

West Cork Soccer

■ Derry Farr

Togher got a tremendous boost when Donnacha Collins swooped to fire home after a corner kick had broken into his path. It was just what the doctor ordered for the winners who had entered the fray as slight underdogs. They disproved this by taking the game to their opponents for a while after going in front and noticeably it was evident that their younger brigade showed no fear. Jamie Lucey and Adrian Hurley combined well on the left flank while the speedy Donnacha Collins, supported by Seán Crowley had the loser's back pedalling on the other wing.

They threatened to cut a swathe through the Rangers defence early on, but once veteran JJ Hurley and Daniel McCarthy settled, they managed to temporarily clip the winner's wings. With Barry O'Driscoll (T) and particularly JJ Collins faultless in the middle of a defence where veteran keeper Rob

Oldham suffered an early injury scare, Rangers settled into their rhythm. However, with Robert O'Regan unable to start the loser's unfamiliar central midfield duo Keith Jagoe and Derek Crowley struggled for a while. Not so Togher's Darren Kelly and Niall Hurley who were hugely consistent in this sector before Derek Crowley in particular came very much into the game. The tireless Darren Beamish provided the first test for Togher 'rookie' keeper Ciarán Murray who could only watch as a Barry O'Driscoll (H) header rebounded off his post.

Now Rangers were easing into their tempo and the combined efforts of the Togher net-minder and the crossbar thwarted the luckless Tomás Connolly. A late delivery from outstanding Ranger's captain Barry O'Driscoll (H) needed just a touch to level matters approaching the interval. It didn't come nor did it arrive from a selection of Barry O'Driscoll (T) free-kicks although Gearóid White almost broke through in the first of the closing half action. With veterans Johnny Hurley

and JJ Hurley showing the signs of wear and tear they retired gracefully from a contest where a Tomás Connolly header brought an outstanding save from Ciarán Murray.

That alone would have earned him the man of the match award but soon after he tipped another attempt on to the post. All the while Kevin Cotter and inspirational captain Ian Crowley put their lives on the line to keep Rangers at bay while Johnny Kelly and David Mawe threatened on the break. Still Rangers persevered and to their credit went down fighting as they threw everything into getting an equaliser in a frenzied close.

TOGHER CELTIC: C Murray, S Crowley, I Crowley, K Cotter, J Lucey, D Collins, N Hurley, D Kelly, A Hurley, J Hurley, J Kelly.

Subs: D Mawe, R Lucey, B Murphy, D O'Brien.

DRINAGH RANGERS: R Oldham, D McCarthy, JJ Collins, B O'Driscoll (T), JJ Hurley, D Beamish, D Crowley, K Jagoe, G White, T Connolly, B O'Driscoll (H).

Subs: K Murray, A O'Driscoll, G Beamish, R McQueen.

Referee: Patrick Hurley. **Assistants:** M Coakley, A McDermott.



Togher keeper Ciarán Murray receiving his man of the match award from WCL secretary John Buckley.



Team captains Ian Crowley (Togher Celtic) left and Barry O'Driscoll (H) (Drinagh Rangers) with referee Patrick Hurley (centre) and assistants Martin Coakley (left) and Anthony McDermott, prior to Sunday's Beamish Cup final.



Togher captain Ian Crowley receiving the Beamish Cup from WCL secretary John Buckley.

PremierHiSpecCars.com Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ballydehob	16	8	7	1	37	23	31
Drinagh Rangers	15	7	8	0	31	17	29
Dunmanway Town	14	8	3	3	33	17	27
Togher Celtic	16	6	6	4	26	23	24
Lyre Rovers	16	6	3	7	27	34	21
Bunratty United	15	5	3	7	32	32	18
Clonakilty AFC	16	5	2	9	31	37	17
Clonakilty Town	16	3	4	9	27	51	13
Spout Moss (REL)	16	3	2	11	30	40	11

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Durrus (CHAMP)	16	13	1	2	52	16	40
Mizen AFC	16	9	5	2	30	12	32
Castletown Celtic	16	7	6	3	35	29	27
Skibbereen	16	8	2	6	43	22	26
Playoff Winners							
Play Clon Town							
Lyre Rovers B	16	6	6	4	30	34	24
Kilbrittain Rovers	16	6	2	8	31	38	20

OBrienWater Services.com Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Drinagh Rangers B (CHAMP)	4	3	1	0	12	2	10
Ballimore	4	2	1	1	8	3	7
Dunmanway Tn B	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
Castlelack	4	0	3	1	4	6	3
Aultagh Celtic	4	0	1	3	4	15	1

WCL Womens 7s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Kenmare (CHAMP)	5	4	0	1	7	2	12
Beara Utd	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
Drinagh Rangers	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Beara Utd B	5	2	2	1	13	3	8
Durrus	5	1	1	3	8	14	4
Lyre Rovers	5	0	0	5	2	20	0

WCL U18 Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyre Rovers	8	5	1	2	23	17	16
Togher Celtic	9	4	4	1	15	10	16
Dunmanway Town	9	4	3	2	20	9	15
Skibbereen	10	2	5	3	20	18	11
Bunratty United	7	2	2	3	17	15	8
Drinagh Rangers	7	2	1	4	12	18	7
Bay Rovers	7	2	1	4	16	25	7
Ardfield	7	2	1	4	16	27	7

WCL U18 League Shield after Playoffs

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bay Rovers	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Ardfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bunratty United	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Drinagh Rangers	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Fixtures

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Parkway Hotel / Maybury Coaches
Cup: Durrus v Drinagh Rangers, final, 6.30pm, Mohona, Dunmanway

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PremierHiSpecCars.com Premier Division: Bunratty United v Dunmanway Town 11am.

Premier/Championship play-off: Clonakilty Town v Skibbereen, final, 6pm, Drinagh.

WCL U18 Premier Division: Dunmanway Town v Lyre Rovers, 2.30pm

West Cork League U18 Cup: Togher Celtic v Skibbereen, semi-final, 2.30pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

PremierHiSpecCars.com Premier Division: Bunratty United v Dunmanway Town 11am.

Results

PremierHiSpecCars.com Premier Division: Dunmanway Town 3-1 Lyre Rovers.

U18 League Shield: Bay Rovers 4-2 Drinagh Rangers.

PremierHiSpecCars.com Premier Division: Drinagh Rangers 1-1 Ballydehob.

West Cork League Premier Division Cup Quarter Final: Clonakilty AFC 4-4 Togher Celtic Clonakilty AFC win 4-2 on penalties.

Leahy brace seals 4-2 away win for Hall

U17 SOCCER

Howard Crowdy

Midleton	2
Douglas Hall	4

DOUGLAS HALL beat a spirited Midleton 4-2 in the CWSSL U17 Premier division at Knockgriffin Park over the weekend. Two goals in the final ten minutes secured the points.

Douglas Hall, the visitors, applied the early pressure and forced Midleton keeper, Shauna Horgan, into a number of saves. In the third minute, Douglas Hall's Laura Russell sent a high ball into the Midleton area to Lucy Bertwhistle, but it was gathered by the keeper. Alison O'Connell's effort went over the bar moments later.

Although Douglas Hall were doing the early running, Midleton had a good chance in the 12th minute, only for the Douglas Hall keeper, Faye Madden, to gather the ball ahead of an advancing Chi Chi Ostadinma, as Midleton were beginning to gain possession.

However, in the 14th minute the home side scored their first. Ostadinma found herself one on one against the keeper and neatly slotted the ball home.

Chances fell to Midleton's Ostadinma and Douglas Hall's Alison O'Connell, before the visitors equalised in the 35th minute, O'Connell scoring from 15 yards. Within four minutes, Douglas had taken the lead courtesy of Ellie Murray, whose lob from the corner of the area went into the far corner of the Midleton net.

Midleton equalised within the first minute of the restart: Chi Chi Ostadinma's effort went under the keeper from the edge of the area, for her second goal of the game.

Kelly Leahy's effort for Douglas Hall was saved by the Midleton keeper, Shauna Horgan, while Alison O'Connell's cross at the near post failed to find anyone at the far post. Chances were going abegging.

Midleton were hanging on and looked as though they could have at least got something out of the game.

They counter-attacked and stole another goal, but it was Douglas Hall who took the points with two late goals — the first from Katie Long, who lobbed the keeper in the 69th minute, followed by another from Kelly Leahy, three minutes later, as they registered their first league win of the new season and put three points on the board.

MIDLETON: Shauna Horgan, Lauren Linehan, Lena Henry, Ciara Naughton, Meadhbh McCarthy, Lucy O'Sullivan, Roisin O'Brien, Chi Chi Ostadinma, Saoirse Cremin, Deara Ostadinma, Mischala Daly Harkin, Reema Forde

DOUGLAS HALL: Faye Madden, Caoimhe McCarthy, Laura Russell, Anna Murphy, Katie Long, Ellie Murray, Kelly Leahy, Alison O'Connell, Lucy Bertwhistle, Paula Ibanez, Cerys Lewis, Abbie Lester, Aoibhe Humphrey, Sharon Ring, Caoimhe Russell
Referee: Dan Deady



Andy Maher, Tony Daly, Pat Hurley, Jerry Browne and Pat Lester pictured at the Postal Workers reunion function at the Imperial Hotel on May 19 last. All played significant roles in the team's success throughout the 1980s.
Picture: Finbarr Buckley

Scaffolding clip the Eagles' wings

OBS	4
Cork Eagles	1

OBS's tremendous run-in the league since October has now stretched to ten unbeaten following last Sunday afternoon's 4-1 win over Cork Eagles in the Sports Gear Direct First Division in difficult overhead conditions at Mayfield Park.

The victory propelled the hosts to within two points of leaders Crookstown United as the business end of the season draws near.

Nyall O'Brien had his side two up inside the opening 35 minutes before going on to complete a memorable hat-trick in the second-half followed by a 4th from Arainn McGrath.

The lively striker pick-pocketed from a scramble at the back to round the keeper and edge the hosts in front on 15 minutes.

After Pawel Orlowski equalised for the Eagles ten minutes later, Jack Cotter's corner was powerfully headed in by O'Brien to ensure his team went in 2-1 ahead at the break.

Mick Brown set up the third for O'Brien by drilling a cross low and hard across the six-yard box, leaving McGrath to finish the scoring in the 80th minute, creating and finishing the move himself.

Colm O'Brien, defender Jerry Lyons and the returning Willie Doyle shone for the winners.

20/20 Glazing 1
SCS Crookstown United 2

In another contest played in blustery conditions at Mayfield Park, Crookstown regained joint leadership of the division with Co. Council by getting the better of fellow title chasers 20/20 Glazing in a best of three-goal encounter.

The visitors held their opponents scoreless against the wind in the first-half but fell behind to a Fionn Hennessy Hayes strike in the 65th minute.

BUSINESS LEAGUE

Finbarr Buckley

Michael Kelleher's cross-shot tied up the contest in the 78th minute with Andrew Kenneally firing in the winner from outside the area, after Martin O'Sullivan's corner was only partially cleared.

The victory sealed a crucial three points for the visitors who still have the destination of a first title success in their own hands. Full-back Mark Drummy and centre-back Charles Kenneally were Crookstown's best performers on the day.

Frank Linehan First Division Cup First Round

Cork Hospitals	1
Dell EMC	1

(Cork Hospitals won 3-2 on pens)
Cork Hospitals registered their first win in eleven in league and cup to still remain in contention for honours.

Sean Kent opened the scoring for the home team in the 29th minute with a fine strike from distance at The Farm last Sunday afternoon.

James Walsh levelled on the hour to set up an action packed finish which

saw Kent and James Carroll go close for the Hospitals and Gearoid Collins almost steal it at the death for Dell EMC only to be denied time and again by the excellent goalkeeping of man-of-the-match Jason Hamilton.

Paul O'Hea and Kevin O'Connor kept Dell ticking over throughout the ninety.

Mid-week Round-up Premier Division

Marlboro Trust kick-started the mid-week fixture programme with a 4-2 win over fellow strugglers Healy O'Connor Solicitors to ease their relegation worries.

Pat McSweeney (2), Kevin O'Sullivan and Ronan McBride netted for the winners with Healy's contributions coming from Frank Carley and Francis O'Callaghan. On the Thursday in the first division, the top two, Crookstown and Co. Council, met for the first time at the Regional Park.

It was a must win contest for the hosts who went one up inside five minutes through Fergus O'Connor who added a second midway through with Dave Murphy firing in a third before half-time.

Council could also allow for the luxury of a missed penalty from Richie

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doolan's Cow	11	10	0	1	47	12	30
Quinlan's Bar	11	8	2	1	37	11	26
UCC United	10	7	1	2	32	12	22
Satellite Taxis	8	5	1	2	23	12	16
Healy O'Connor Sol	9	3	0	6	18	19	9
Marlboro Trust	10	3	0	7	16	35	9
The Blackrock Inn	14	3	0	11	7	44	9
Cork International	11	1	0	10	12	47	3

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Co. Council	15	10	2	3	39	20	32
SCS Crookstown Utd	15	10	2	2	36	20	32
OBS FC	14	9	3	2	41	29	30
20/20 Glazing	15	9	0	6	25	24	27
Dalton's Pharmacy	16	6	3	7	33	37	21
Planet (Cork)	16	6	3	7	31	43	21
Dell EMC	15	6	1	8	33	29	19
Cork Eagles PFC	15	5	2	8	38	43	17
Abtran	15	4	3	8	24	32	5
VoxPro	15	4	1	10	20	26	13
Cork Hospitals	16	2	4	10	22	39	10

O'Regan in the same half to further demonstrate their dominance in the period. The visitors came into the match in the second half but, without the services of the in-form Colm Crowley and Martin O'Sullivan, struggled to claw their way back into contention. Jason Crowley had a hand in all three goals for Council and was well supported by Michael Ryan.

In Glanmire, OBS joined Glazing in third following a 3-1 win over VoxPro. After a scoreless first-half, Mike Brown pounced on a loose ball to give OBS a 55th minute lead.

Brown doubled the lead ten minutes later when he got in behind to round the keeper and finish into the bottom corner. The bounce from a back-pass which deceived the keeper led to VoxPro reducing the deficit but Colm O'Brien's strike from outside the area restored OBS's two-goal advantage. O'Brien, Steven Mullane and Tom Coughlan impressed for the winners.

Business League fixtures

TONIGHT

Jackie O'Driscoll Premier Division Cup quarter-final: Healy O'Connor Solicitors v Doolan's Cow, Garryduff, 6.45pm (Jim Hennessy).

Sports Gear Direct First Division: SCS Crookstown United v OBS, Crookstown, 6.45pm (Denis Cronin).

TOMORROW

Sports Gear Direct Premier Division: UCC United v Satellite Taxis, The Farm, 6.45pm (Gordon O'Leary).

Sports Gear Direct First Division: Co. Council v 20/20 Glazing, Regional Park, 6.45pm (Jim Hennessy) VoxPro v Abtran, GACA (Glanmire), 6.45pm (Denis Cronin).

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Sports Gear Direct Premier Division: Healy O'Connor Solicitors v Quinlan's Bar, Garryduff, 2.30pm (Gordon O'Leary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Frank Linehan Cup quarter-final: Abtran v Co. Council, Mayfield Community School (All-Weather), 10.45am (Denis Cronin).

Sports Gear Direct First Division: Planet (Cork) v Dalton's Pharmacy, Mayfield Park (all-weather), 1pm, (Brendan Dowling)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Sports Gear Direct Premier Division: UCC Utd. v Satellite Taxis, Mardyke, 6.45pm (Gordon O'Leary)

A golden anniversary



Marian and Chris Ebison, Belgooly, attending the 50th anniversary of the Muskerry Hot Rod Club at the Lee Valley Golf Club.

FOUNDER members and friends of the Muskerry Hot Rod Club gathered at Lee Valley Golf and Country Club recently to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their first race meeting which was held in March 1969.

The club was founded in 1968 by Ovens native, Kevin McSweeney and Dermot Sheehan and at the first AGM at the Ovens Bar they were elected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, with the late John O'Leary as Chairman.

Dermot left for Wexford shortly after the formation of the club and he continued to promote the sport in the Model county.

John A Wood was very supportive of the club and the first race was held on his quarry property at Classes, Ovens.

They later moved to Garryhesta, Rearour and eventually to the Show Grounds at the Marina before eventually calling a halt to racing around 1987, though the club as such still exists.

Among those present at the reunion function were Shane Murphy, Ovens, who was crowned World Champion at an event in

HOT ROD

■ Mike English

Ipswich in 2015.

Sidney Bradfield, Carrigaline, was a top driver at the time while Leo O'Sullivan, Dripsey, was the winner of the first race organised by the club.

Vincent McGrath, Monkstown, won the first "Driver of the Year" award and he was joined at the function by his brother Tom, from Belgooly, who also was an accomplished driver.

Also in attendance was Pat Hourigan whose oil company were generous sponsors for many years.

The sport attracted many ladies, as drivers and spectators, with a Hot Rod Queen chosen every year.

The current "Queen", Marian O'Sullivan, Dripsey, was there to show her support and relive the thrills and spills.

The man who started it all more than 50 years ago, Kevin McSweeney, still holds out the hope of reviving the sport in Cork and would be open to talk with like minded enthusiasts.



Mary and Shane Fay, Mahon, at the Muskerry Hot Rod Club's 50th Anniversary function at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Enjoying the Muskerry Hot Rod Club's 50th Anniversary function, at Lee Valley Golf Club, were Tommy, Sarah and Bryan Allen, Middleton and Shane Murphy, Ovens.



Mary McSweeney, Ovens, wife of club founder, Kevin, looking through some historical press cuttings, with Maura Nyhan, Cobh, at the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Muskerry Hot Rod Club at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Theresa and Tom McGrath, Belgooly, attending the 50th Anniversary of the Muskerry Hot Rod Club's 50th Anniversary celebrations at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Eileen and Pat Hourigan, Carrigaline, attending the Muskerry Hot Rod Club's 50th Anniversary function at Lee Valley Golf Club.

for Muskerry Hot Rod



Denis Mullins, Blarney, Ted Hallissey, Ovens, Bernard Daly, Farran and Michael Mullins, Blarney attending the Muskerry Hot Rod 50 th. Anniversary celebrations at Lee Valley Golf Club.

Pictures: Mike English.



Allan Burke, Ballinhassig, John O'Sullivan, Ovens and Pat O'Sullivan, Ballincollig at Lee Valley Golf Club for the celebration of the 50 th. Anniversary of the Muskerry Hot Rod Club.



William Kirwan, Carrigaline, Kevin Meaney, Carrigaline and Brian Morey, Ballincollig were at the Muskerry Hot Rod Club's 50 th. Anniversary function at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Vincent and Mairead McGrath, Monkstown, were at the Muskerry Hot Rod 50 th. Anniversary function at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Founder, Kevin McSweeney, Ovens, Mairead McGrath, Monkstown, Paula Murphy and Shane Murphy, Ovens, who was crowned World Hot Rod champion in 2015, attending the 50 th. Anniversary function of the Muskerry Hot Rod Club at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Paula Murphy, Ovens and Mairead McGrath, Monkstown attending the Muskerry Hot Rod 50 th. Anniversary celebrations at Lee Valley Golf Club.



Sarsfields manager Brian Roche, cautiously optimistic about his side's hopes in this year's SHC. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Sars still have the hunger, despite their title lull since 2014

WITH four titles in the six years 2008 to 2014, Sarsfields are the most successful club in the Cork County SHC in the recent era and they are one of the main contenders to unseat Imokilly, who have dominated for the past two seasons.

Sars are one of the most vibrant units in the country and there is a fierce determination in Riverstown this year to impact strongly in the race for the senior title.

They open up proceedings this weekend against Kanturk and team boss, Brian Roche, is cautiously optimistic.

"We had all our Cork lads back for a recent game in the league, against Bride Rovers, and that was important, to get a game before the championship, with them, under our belts."

"It is difficult playing games without your big players, but, look, we are not the only club in that situation, so you must deal with it and get on with it".

There might be a strong belief that Imokilly are the hottest of favourites for another title, but, according to Roche, they are only concerned with each game.

"We take each game as it comes. Obviously, Sars, down the years, since they started winning county titles, in 2008, have been very competitive and we certainly have our sights on the latter stages."

"But, for now, we would not look any further beyond Kanturk. We want to deal with Kanturk in the best way possible, because, after that game, you are going into a big break again."

"If you get to the third round this season, it will be a minefield."

"We didn't get to the semi-finals last season, so we could be meeting Imokilly, UCC, Midleton, anybody at all."

Sars were one of the few senior clubs in the county to vote for Proposal C in the revamped championship (from 2020 onwards), a proposal that would have them playing two major championship games without their inter-county players.

They would be one of the hardest-hit clubs if that proposal was adopted.

"When it first came out, you were kind of stepping away from it and saying that would never happen, but the more you looked at it, and the more you read it, it had an appeal."

"If you look at Sars' league form over the past number of years, we were missing all of those Cork players and we still finished

SENIOR HURLING

John Horgan

top of the league.

"We fully believed that we'd have a good strength-in-depth and it's given our players in the club games throughout the summer."

"I would have been for it, as well, so I think it would have been a good thing if it was passed."

"It got a good bit of support from people, the more that they looked at it and the more it stayed there."

"If it had gone on another week, it might have got more support."

"It was beaten, but I think it is something that could resurface again, in the future."

Roche, too, saw the other side of the equation, where players want to be involved with their clubs.

"I know that our players don't want to miss any championship games with Sars. They love putting on that jersey, playing with the friends that they grew up with: that's the other side of it."

"What you don't want, either, is to create that gap. I saw, first-hand, what happened between Munster Rugby and the club game."

"But I can never see that happening with the GAA, because the clubs are too strong and it's too much of a community".

By the remarkably high standard that they set during their years of dominance, between 2008 and 2014, the last couple of years have not been as successful.

"It's like this: I would imagine the players that are still playing senior hurling with us and have those four county medals in their pockets want more."

"They'd love to be coming, towards the latter end of their career, with another title to add to the four they have already."

"That period when we won four titles, that was a phenomenal record of consistency."

"You are looking at league titles in those years, as well, and I do believe the lads still have that motivation that is required to go all the way again."

"That's why they are still playing, that's what they train for, and the appetite is still there, no doubt about that."

"They love the challenge that each year brings. You might say that Imokilly are out there in front, at the moment, but there's another four or five teams out there that will challenge them, as well. Hopefully, we'll be one of them."



Matt Walsh, Rob Heffernan, world champion walker; Seanie McGrath, and Brian Corcoran, at the Tribute and Celebration in honour of Dr Con Murphy which took place at Cork City Hall, organised by Cairde Chorcaí, celebrating his extraordinary volunteerism with Cork and UCC GAA for over 40 years. Picture: Brian Loughheed

Glen will look for revenge



Hurling

John Horgan

THE feature game in the first round of the Cork County SHC is surely the collision of two of the more recent winners, Glen Rovers and Midleton.

It's a repeat of their third-round encounter last season when Midleton prevailed by a point and ended the Glen's interest for the year.

But that was then and this is now and Glen selector, former Cork great Seanie McGrath is looking forward to the game.

"Last season was disappointing. To give them their due, Midleton were good and they got to the final afterwards."

"Maybe, in some ways, we let ourselves down, we didn't play as well as we could have."

"To be honest, even now going into this game with them again we don't know where we stand."

"We have had an indifferent enough league campaign so far (he was speaking last Monday week)."

"We played well enough in some games, were disappointed with others. We were very poor against Bride Rovers and they beat us very easily."

"That scoreline against them did not look good, we were short a few but we had a fair few regulars as well."

"But our fellows settled down well afterwards and we have got a good reaction and that has been very encouraging."

McGrath accepts that the game is not of the same magnitude as last season when it was a knockout encounter.

"Maybe, if you are beaten this time you can come straight back in. It's not do or die stuff but we'll still give it everything."

"It's an opportunity to seek a bit of revenge for last year but we don't really know yet where we are after the league."

"We have changed a few things around with the backroom team. Donal Cronin is doing the physical training now and he's doing a great job, he has big shoes to fill with Ian Lynam but he's doing very well and the players have responded."

"Come the game I believe we'll be in good form but you just don't know going



Glen Rovers' Dean Brosnan bursts past Midleton's James Nagle during the Cork SHC at Páirc Ui Chaoimh last September. Midleton won by a point. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

into a first-round game.

"It's early in the season, how solid will the pitch be and if it was June or July it could be a different game altogether."

"But we are where we are and we'll hopefully acquit ourselves well on the day."

There has been a bit of a changing of the guard in Blackpool since the glory days of 2015 and 2016 but the leaders of that era are still on board.

"There's no one really retired. Graham (Callinan) and Paddy Cunningham are there still as is Donal Cronin."

"We have got a bit of impetus with a few new faces coming in. Danny Morris has come in from the minors of a couple of years ago, they beat Midleton in the final, it was a great game."

"Robert Downey has got a few games with Cork and that's a huge bonus. He's really stepped up, a great lad and there's no drama with him. Others might say the wrong thing but Rob keeps his head down and trains extremely hard. A very well mannered lad too."

"Simon Kennefick got a game with Cork too in the Canon O'Brien Cup, he got a few good points that day."

"He'll go through the under-20 ranks now and he'll get time to develop. He has played well for us in league games and he

has very good qualities too."

"Shane Busteed has come on to the panel as well from the minors and there are others too that we are looking at."

But it's all about Midleton now on Sunday and the Glen selector is well aware of what they can bring to the table.

"A good side, they even won the minor last year as well. I don't think their final performance last year was a true reflection of them."

"They started well but they received a few sucker punches and they got hit by a few goals from Imokilly."

"That set them back but they are still a very good side."

"Lehane is a top player, Luke O'Farrell, young Beausang, Finbarr O'Mahony at full-back, Tommy Wallis in goal, they are well balanced."

"We know them well and we know what they are capable of. They know us too and they are not afraid to bring forwards out the field, their half-forwards can switch just like that, stuff like that."

"Look, on the night we'll be hoping our key players play well and they'd be the same."

"They will want to push on from last season and they'll probably feel that they haven't done that to the degree that they might have wanted since 2013."

GAA

■ Kevin Murphy

ALL eyes were on Páirc Uí Chaoimh recently as the Cork County Board presented new proposals around the championship structures.

It certainly created huge debate around the county which must have pleased the top table.

There is no doubt that the championships needed restructuring and plenty of work went into preparing the three separate proposals.

Too much uncertainty around fixtures was extremely unfair on players who waited around all summer for games.

At least there is clarity now which has to be applauded.

A lack of relegation was also a major negative with many clubs just concentrating on retaining their status every year.

That certainly led to a lack of ambition for some clubs who celebrated survival in a certain grade. But all three proposals received support which was interesting.

The revamping of the County Championships led to lively debate within all the clubs and in the end the delegates voted for Option A which will see one round of games played in April and two more in August – with all the clubs county players available.

In the days running up to last week's vote there was strong opinions on all sides of the debate. For CEO Kevin O'Donovan and the committee, the process will be seen as a massive success.

The debate grabbed the attention of the national media with the GPA and other interest groups coming out strongly against the controversial option C which would have would have seen five guaranteed round robin games in the middle of the summer but with two of those played without inter-county stars.

Personally I believe that playing championship games without the inter-county players would have been an absolute disaster for Gaelic Games within the county.

Just look at other codes where the club game is on its knees without the participation of the top players.

Everyone wants to see the top stars in action and playing games without the most talented would have been a retrograde step.

We are very lucky in Gaelic Games that our best players still play with their clubs during the championship season. These players are training as full time athletes and their talent was nurtured by their clubs from a very young age.

Penalising the county players for being very talented would have been the wrong route to go down. But drilling down to the numbers still made for interesting reading.

The vast majority of clubs don't have county players and this was reflected in the voting where some clubs are just sick of waiting around for meaningful championship games.

In the days leading up to the vote plenty of people indicated that option A was the most sensible proposal and so it proved when the votes were counted.

Option A got 136 votes, well ahead of Option C on 52, Option B would have seen the championship not start off until August with just two games guaranteed and this received the lowest support with just 33 votes.

Of course, there was merit to all three options and there was massive interest from around the country. Every county is faced with a similar problem as the inter-county scene just dominates the summer.

The overhaul of structures within the county is a massive task.

In recent seasons we've had the crazy situation around U21 competitions which began in March within the divisions and finish off in November.

Surely this makes absolutely no sense and nurturing our best young players and giving them meaningful competition is the way forward.

Delegates are right on crucial vote



Michael O'Flynn, Páirc Uí Chaoimh stadium committee, addressing delegates from the county board, with, Marc Sheehan, vice chairman; Tracey Kennedy, chairperson Cork county board, Kevin O'Donovan CEO and Diarmuid Gowen, treasurer at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Colm Scully, St. Finbarr's with possession in the game with Clyda Rovers at Páirc Uí Rinn last week.

Having two or three months between each round of the championship was certainly far from ideal.

The placing of the Divisions/Colleges play-off rounds of the senior championship so early in the year is something else that needs looking at.

While there are plenty of people opposed to either entering the senior

championships playing the U21 competitions on top of these games hardly serves a purpose.

If the divisions are allowed enter the competitions then a level playing field should be permitted.

Many players from junior clubs get an opportunity to play in the senior championship with their divisions and

this is surely a fair system.

Our third level colleges also do a massive job in promoting our games and their participation in the championship should be welcomed.

In summary, I believe the Board deserve great credit for this latest revamp of competitions.

While the new CEO Kevin O'Donovan had some choppy waters to navigate at the beginning of his new role there appears plenty of merit in his plans around Cork GAA.

The west Cork man and the board will be desperate for a change of fortunes with the Cork senior football team. Relegation to division 3 was certainly not part of the grand plan but fundamental change is on the way.

Finally, for jockey Davy Russell to remember Kieran O'Connor in the moments after his history-making Grand National triumph was an emotional moment for all sports fans on Leaside.

The Youghal rider really disguised the enormous pressure he was under so well and his very kind words of support will have meant so much to Kieran, his family, friends and supporters.

Russell is a massive GAA fan and is a regular visitor to Páirc Uí Rinn and Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

His 'Hurling for Cancer' charity game is a massive success and himself and trainer Jim Bolger deserve enormous credit for their efforts.

Late Smith point seals the deal for Argideen

CARBERY JAFc

■ Ger McCarthy

Argideen Rangers 0-8

Dohenys 0-7

COLIN SMITH'S last-minute point earned Argideen Rangers the hardest of victories over Dohenys in the opening round of the Carbery JAFc at a rain-soaked Enniskeane last Saturday evening.

Dreadful weather conditions saw two evenly matched sides produce an entertaining encounter in which the winners scored three late points to edge past their opponents. Dohenys contributed much to a low-scoring game but were unable to withstand Rangers' constant attacks in the closing period.

The Dunmanway club moved 0-2 to 0-0 ahead thanks to the benefit of a strong wind as Jerry McCarthy and Aidan O'Donovan found their range in the opening minutes. Argideen responded and drew level courtesy of Eoin Lawton and Paudie Butler efforts.

Rangers were guilty of poor shooting during a scrappy spell and Dohenys took full advantage, moving three points clear. Garreth Crowley (2) and Daniel McSweeney points made it 0-5 to 0-2 before Bill Fleming split the posts to leave his team trailing by just two at the interval.

The weather conditions worsened as the second half progressed with Argideen's wastefulness in front of goal permitting Dohenys to push further ahead when Garreth Crowley converted a free. Creditably, Rangers enjoyed a productive period and managed to reduce the deficit to a single score when Paudie Butler and Matthew Lawton raised consecutive white flags.

Garreth Crowley notched his fourth score of the evening to restore the Dunmanway club's 2-point advantage but that would turn out to be the losers final contribution to the scoreboard.

Argideen Rangers powered forward and made it 0-7 apiece when Matthew Lawton (one free) twice split the posts. The final whistle was about to shrill when a terrific Argideen move saw the ball worked to Colin Smith. The Rangers forward sent over a superb point from a difficult angle to secure his side's victory.

Scorers for Argideen Rangers: M Lawton (0-3, 1f), P Butler (0-2), E Lawton, B Fleming and C Smith (0-1 each).

Scorers for Dohenys: G Crowley (0-4, 2f), J McCarthy, A O'Donovan and D McSweeney (0-1 each).

ARGIDEEN RANGERS: A O'Leary; C O'Donovan, J Sheehan, D O'Donovan; J Sheehan, F Butler, G Crowley; P Butler, E Lawton; C Smith, O Dowling (captain), M Lawton; B Fleming, B Hennessy, J M O'Callaghan.

Subs: A McCarthy for O Dowling (45).

DOHENYS: D Fraser; J Daly, T O'Leary (captain), R Crowley; D O'Farrell, A Murray, J Collins; P Crowley, G Crowley; N Collins, A O'Donovan, D McSweeney; C Daly, J McCarthy, K Forbes.

Subs: S O'Donovan for D Fraser (ht), R Jennings for N Collins (ht), D Moran for D McSweeney (40), K Forbes for C Daly (45, inj), K Crowley for J Daly (57).

Referee: E Sheehy (Newcestown).

Wednesday Television

RTE ONE

11.50 LEADERS' QUESTIONS (S) **1.00** RTÉ News: One O'Clock; Weather (S) **1.30** Home and Away. (S)

2.00 NEIGHBOURS (S)

2.25 EASTENDERS Kathy is surprised to learn Lola's news. (S)

3.00 FAIR CITY (S)

3.30 TODAY WITH MAURA AND DÁITHÍ Daily magazine show. (S)

5.40 NUACHT; RTÉ News with Signing and European Weather

6.00 THE ANGELUS

6.01 RTÉ NEWS: SIX ONE; Weather (S)

7.00 NATIONWIDE News stories from around the country, covering the latest topical issues. (S)

7.30 DESPERATE HOUSES Róisín Murphy and her team come to the aid of Vienne, Ger and their five children, who need help decluttering their mid-terrace three-bedroom home in Leixlip, Co Kildare; (S) Lotto

8.00 FAIR CITY Tommy unearths the truth about Zak, and Sash starts to panic when it dawns upon her what she has signed up for. Meanwhile, Sean and Doug get off to a rocky start. (S)

8.30 GROW, COOK, EAT Michael Kelly demonstrates how to grow French beans, while Karen O'Donohoe pays a visit to a new festival in Portlaur, County Waterford with sustainability at its core. (S)

9.00 RTÉ NEWS: NINE O'CLOCK; Weather (S)

9.35 BRENDAN O'CONNOR'S CUTTING EDGE The TV personality and three regular panellists take a provocative and entertaining look at the week's news from Ireland and around the world. (S)

10.35 ALL ROUND TO MRS BROWN'S Agnes and the family are joined by sports presenter Clare Balding, comedian Johnny Vegas, and Made in Chelsea stars Jamie Laing and Spencer Matthews. (S)

11.45 IN THE CLUB Roanna is struggling to find a new job, so she reluctantly turns to Ray for help, while Vicky tries to divide her hours between baby Ben and full time work; (S) Weather

12.55 CREEDON'S ROAD LESS TRAVELLED (S)

1.55 IRELAND'S FITTEST FAMILY (S)

2.50 OPERATION TRANSFORMATION (S)

3.45 SAY YES TO THE DRESS (S)

4.10 DANIEL AND MAJELLA'S B&B ROAD TRIP (S)

4.40 GETAWAYS (S)

5.05 AT YOUR SERVICE (S)

5.35 EURONEWS

RTE2

10.50 FILM: FREE WILLY 2: THE ADVENTURE HOME (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. (S) ★★

12.35 TRTÉ 12.35 Pig Goat Banana Cricket **1.00** Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated. Crystal Cove is threatened by a herd of mutated cattle. **1.25** Teen Titans Go!. (S) **1.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (S) **2.15** Strange Hill High. (S) **2.40** The Next Step. (S) **3.05** The Bagel and Becky Show **3.20** Austin & Ally. (S) **3.45** Corneil and Bernie **4.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. The host welcomes Oscar-nominees Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant. (S)

5.00 THE SIMPSONS Homer takes Bart and Lisa to a rock festival. (S)

5.30 THE SIMPSONS Lisa changes her image. Last in the series. (S)

6.00 NEIGHBOURS Mark launches an investigation into the driver who almost killed Susan and Imogen. (S)

6.30 HOME AND AWAY Dean breaks into the mailbox to retrieve the letter. (S)

7.00 THE BIG BANG THEORY After being forced to deal with a sick Sheldon, the rest of the gang try to treat themselves to a Sheldon-free weekend. Comedy, starring Johnny Galecki and Jim Parsons. (S)

7.25 SAVING LIVES AT SEA A climber falls in a remote cave on the Gower Peninsula, so the Mumbles crew are called in, and in Portlaur, lifeguards battle to save a teenager who is determined to surf. (S)

8.35 GRAND DESIGNS: HOUSE OF THE YEAR New series. Kevin McCloud presents a series exploring Britain's contemporary and cutting-edge homes, all of which are in the running for the Riba House of the Year Award 2015. (S)

9.35 KILLING EVE Carolyn introduces Eve to her new team before Eve briefs them on the Villanelle case. Meanwhile, Villanelle finds someone to take care of her while she recovers. (S)

10.30 STACEY DOOLEY INVESTIGATES: SHOT BY MY NEIGHBOUR The presenter meets some of the people in Northern Ireland who are shot in the legs or assaulted by vigilante armed groups from their own neighbourhoods. (S) **11.25** Home from Home Neil leads his family and friends on a perilous mountain walk, and he and Penny soon become separated from the others. Sitcom, with Johnny Vegas and Emilia Fox; (S) World Forecast. **12.05** The Handmaid's Tale. (S) **1.15** Elementary. (S) **2.05** Lethal Weapon. (S) **2.55** EuroNews

VIRGIN MEDIA ONE

10.30 THIS MORNING Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. (S)

12.30 NEWS AT 12.30 (S)

1.00 THE CHASE Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)

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3.00 ELAINE Topical discussion, hosted by Elaine Crowley.

4.00 LAZY CHEF Including a recipe for a chicken pasta dish. (S)

4.30 JUDGE JUDY Real-life small-claims cases.

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5.30 NEWS AT 5.30 (S)

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW Chat show, featuring celebrity interviews, sampling food from leading chefs and guidance on a wide range of topics. (S)

7.00 EMMERDALE Priya feels pushed out by Aiesha, and Harriet makes another disturbing discovery. (S)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Gary meets a familiar face while collecting debts, Chesney and Gemma's caravan holiday starts badly, and Michelle lashes out at Robert. (S)

8.00 NEWS AT 8 (S)

8.30 CORONATION STREET Sarah fears Gary will be implicated in the roof sabotage, Chesney catches Gemma fleeing Joseph at poker, and Nick diverts the police's attention from his crime. (S)

9.00 DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE Health professionals offer advice to Peter and Catherine in Cloyne, County Cork, who seek advice to help them change their eating and drinking habits. (S)

10.00 UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Action from the concluding quarter-final second-leg ties, featuring FC Porto v Liverpool and Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.00 THE TONIGHT SHOW Matt Cooper and Ivan Yates give their take on the day's stories with a panel of guests from the worlds of politics, comedy and sport. (S)

12.00 THE MOORSIDE Part two of two. Following the discovery of Shannon Matthews, the police and the community attempt to discover the truth behind her disappearance.

1.15 TRAUMA In the final episode, believing he has failed his son, Dan goes to extreme lengths to get Jon to tell him what really happened when Alex died. Last in the series.

2.15 CLOSE

5.25 THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW Chat show.

TG4

11.45 CHEESE SLICES (S)

12.15 LOGAINM (S)

12.45 GARRAÍ GLAS

1.15 THE WEST WING (S)

2.05 WEAKEST LINK (S)

3.00 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: CÚLA 4 NA NÓG

3.02 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: IS MISE

3.13 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: KAZOOPS

3.20 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: BUBU & NA HULCHABHÁIN BHEAGA

3.31 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: CAT A' HATA

3.44 CÚLA 4 NA NÓG: CAT A' HATA

4.00 CÚLA 4: Cúla 4

4.02 ALVINNN!!! AND THE CHIPMUNKS

4.13 DÓNALL DÁNA

4.24 ANGELO RULES

4.35 HARVEY BEAKS

5.00 WHIZ SA CHISTIN

5.28 AN AIMSIR LÁITHREACH

5.30 IRISH PAINT MAGIC

6.00 WEAKEST LINK (S)

6.57 AN AIMSIR LÁITHREACH

7.00 NUACHT TG4

7.30 RÉALTA AGUS GAOLTA Síle Seoige hosts the search for Ireland's most talented family, with judges Sínead Ní Uallachain, Irial O'Ceallaigh and Jim Lockhart. (S)

8.30 AR SHLI NA FÍRINNE Séamas Mac Annaidh explores the social and cultural history of Ireland through the country's graveyards, beginning with the complicated past of Belfast.

9.00 GLÓR TÍRE: ROGHA & TOGHA New series. Performances from country music acts including Johnny Brady, Patrick Feeney, Mike Denver, Shawn Cuddy, The Sheerin Family and Cliona Hagan. (S)

9.30 SCÉAL NA BEATHA An intimate film following Seosamh Ó Conchúir through his last days in a hospice and his family through the weeks of ritual and mourning that follow. (S)

10.30 THE SINNER Long-held secrets are finally revealed. (S)

11.18 AN AIMSIR LÁITHREACH

11.20 BÓTHAR BUCK Rossa Ó Snodaigh travels through Turkey, Crete and Israel. (S)

11.50 FILM: UNLEASHING MR DARCY (2016) A modern take on Pride and Prejudice, centred on a series of misunderstandings that unfold when a woman meets a judge at a dog show. Romantic drama, starring Cindy Busby. (S) ★★

1.25 DÁIL ÉIREANN

1.50 FRANCE 24

MOVIES

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

11.45 Tully (15) (2018) **1.30** Lost in Translation (15) (2003) **3.20** The Prince of Tides (PG) (1991) **5.35** Jerry Maguire (15) (1996)

8.00 Tully (15) (2018)

9.45 My Friend Dahmer (15) (2017) With Ross Lynch.

11.40 Marshall (15) (2017)

1.45 Notorious (15) (2009) **4.00** Tommy's Honour (PG) (2016)

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

11.15 Bolt (PG) (2008) **12.55** The Lego Ninjago Movie (U) (2017) **2.45** The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature (U) (2017) **4.25** The LEGO Movie (U) (2014) **6.10** Ferdinand (U) (2017)

8.00 The Lego Ninjago Movie (U) (2017)

9.50 Mary and the Witch's Flower (U) (2017)

11.40 Maya the Bee: The Honey Games (U) (2018)

1.15 The Time Team (PG) (2018) **2.50** A Wizard's Tale (U) (2018) **4.35** Mary and the Witch's Flower (U) (2017)

SKY CINEMA ACTION

11.45 Pacific Rim: Uprising (12) (2018) **1.45** Battleship (12) (2012) **4.00** Shanghai Noon (12) (2000) **6.00** Shanghai Knights (12) (2003)

8.00 Pacific Rim: Uprising (12) (2018) With John Boyega.

10.00 Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge (12) (2017)

12.15 Troy (15) (2004) **3.00** Robin Hood (12) (2010) **5.30** Battle: Los Angeles (12) (2011)

Programmes indicated with (S) are available with subtitles

SKY ONE

12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow. The Waverider crew kidnap the president in 1973. **9.00** Magnum P.I. Kumu reconnects with an old friend. **10.00** Strike Back: Silent War. **11.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life. **12.00** Motorway Patrol **1.00** A League of Their Own. **2.00** Comedians Watching Football with Friends. **2.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo. **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **4.00** Road Wars. **5.00** Stargate SG-1.

E4

12.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Baby Daddy **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Crystal Maze. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks. **7.30** Speechless. **8.00** The Goldbergs. **8.30** Schooled. **9.00** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme. Pash gets rid of biker Pete's offensive ink. **10.00** First Dates Hotel. **11.05** The Hangover Games. **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.35** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme. **1.40** First Dates Hotel. **2.35** Celebs Go Dating. **3.30** The Goldbergs. **3.50** Schooled. **4.15** The Big Bang Theory **4.55** 2 Broke Girls

DISCOVERY

12.00 Baggage Battles **1.00** Combat Dealers. **2.00** Wheeler Dealers. **3.00** Ed Stafford: Left for Dead. **4.00** Mighty Ships. **5.00** Gold Rush. **6.00** Fast N' Loud Revved Up. **7.00** Outback Truckers. A million-dollar shed is dragged through the narrow streets of Adelaide. **8.00** Alaska: The Last Frontier. Otto and Charlotte see where the family legacy began in Switzerland. **9.00** Tanked. A team build an aquarium for American football player, Clay Matthews. **10.00** Moonshiners. **11.00** Wheeler Dealers. **12.00** Tanked. **1.00** Outback Truckers. **2.00** Moonshiners.

TODAY'S SATELLITE



MAGNUM P.I., SKY ONE, 9PM

3.00 Tanked. **3.50** Mighty Ships. **4.40** Gold Rush. **5.30** How It's Made.

HISTORY

12.00 Forged in Fire. **1.00** American Pickers. **2.00** Hardcore Pawn. **2.30** Hardcore Pawn. **3.00** Storage Wars. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** Storage Wars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** Forged in Fire. **6.00** Forged in Fire. **7.00** American Pickers. Mike and Danielle join an architectural salvage crew on a special mission. **8.00** Mega Mechanics. **9.00** The Curse of Oak Island. The team conducts a test that could lead them straight to the Money Pit. **10.00** River Hunters. **11.00** WW2 Treasure Hunters. **12.00** Forged in Fire. **1.00** Hardcore Pawn. **1.30** Hardcore Pawn. **2.00** Mega Mechanics. **3.00** Forged in Fire. **4.00** Storage Wars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** Storage Wars.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

12.00 Wicked Tuna: North v South. **1.00** Wicked Tuna. **2.00** Car SOS **4.00** Air Crash Investigation **6.00** WWII's Greatest Raids. **7.00** Nazi Megastructures. Fortifications in the Channel Islands. **8.00** Alaska's Toughest Pilots. **9.00** Alaska State Troopers. **10.00** Lawless Island: Alaska. **11.00** Car SOS. **12.00** Air Crash Investigation **2.00** Wicked Tuna. **3.00** Ice Road Rescue. **4.00** Highway Thru Hell. **5.00** Close

SKY WITNESS

12.00 Paramedics **3.00** To Catch a Smuggler: JFK Airport **7.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Criminal Minds. **9.00** Grey's Anatomy. **10.00** Station 19. **11.00** Criminal Minds. **12.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation. **1.00** The Rookie. **2.00** Madam Secretary. **3.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK. **4.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00** Motorway Patrol

BBC4

7.00 Beyond 100 Days. Weather **7.30** Secrets of Bones. **8.00** Kolkata with Sue Perkins. **9.00** Julius Caesar Revealed. **10.00** The Normans. The expansion and unchecked ambition of the Norman empire. **11.00** Blazes and Brigades: The Story of the Fire Service. Documentary looking back on nearly two centuries of British firefighting. **12.00** The Joy of Stats. **1.00** Buddha: Genius of the Ancient World. **2.00** Kolkata with Sue Perkins. **3.00** Julius Caesar Revealed. **4.00** Close

VIRGIN MEDIA TWO

11.30 Ireland AM. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** Bondi Rescue. **2.00** Emmerdale **3.00** Xposé. **4.00** Tipping Point **6.00** The Chase **8.00** Renovation Nation. **9.00** Locked Up: Strangeways Prison. **10.00** News on Two. **10.30** Coronation Street **11.30** Emmerdale. **12.00** Ibiza Weekender **2.00** Close

Wednesday Television

BBC1

- 11.45 CLOSE CALLS: ON CAMERA (S) 12.15** Bargain Hunt. The teams search for items at Newbury Racecourse in Berkshire. (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (S) 1.30** BBC Newsline; Weather (S) **1.45 Doctors.** Karen finds herself taking on more than expected in her VPAS visits. (S) **2.15** Curiosity. Julia and Kevin from Cambridgeshire take on Edana and Jane from Yorkshire. (S)
- 3.00 ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY** A couple looking for a property in the East Midlands. (S)
- 3.45 HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS** Nick Knowles challenges three artists in Cheshire to create a piece for a mystery buyer. (S)
- 4.30 THE REPAIR SHOP** The team restore a hand-carved model Spitfire. (S)
- 5.15 POINTLESS Quiz,** hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (S)
- 6.00 BBC NEWS AT SIX; WEATHER (S)**
- 6.30 BBC NEWSLINE; WEATHER (S)**
- 6.55 PARTY ELECTION BROADCAST (S)**
- 7.00 THE ONE SHOW** Matt Baker and Alex Jones present the magazine show featuring reports from around the UK and celebrity guests. (S)
- 8.00 SUPERMARKET SECRETS** Gregg Wallace examines how supermarkets are fighting to bring consumers their food on demand, and finds out how Ocado are using robots to revolutionise online delivery. (S)
- 9.00 EARTH FROM SPACE** New series. Cameras in space tell stories of life on our planet from a brand new perspective, to reveal new discoveries and explore Earth's most remote habitats. (S)
- 10.00 BBC NEWS AT TEN (S)**
- 10.25 BBC NEWSLINE; WEATHER; Weather; (S)**
- 10.30 NATIONAL LOTTERY UPDATE (S)**
- 10.35 GLOW UP: BRITAIN'S NEXT MAKE-UP STAR** It's the semi-final, and the remaining make-up artists take on two musical challenges as they battle for a place in the final of the competition. (S) **11.35 A** Question of Sport. A round-up of the best moments from the latest series of the quiz, with celebrity guests joining team captains Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell. (S)
- 12.05 CELEBRITY PAINTING CHALLENGE (S)** **1.05** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.10** BBC News (S)
- BBC1 WALES, AS ABOVE EXCEPT:**
- 1.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather (S) **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather (S) **10.25** BBC Wales Today; Weather; Weather (S)

VIRGIN MEDIA THREE

- 12.00 THE JEREMY KYLE SHOW USA** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. **1.00** Nanny 911. Tackling a family with a lack of discipline. **2.00** Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. **3.00** Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. **4.00** The Royal. A coach crash has serious implications. (S) **5.00** Long Lost Family Australia. A terminally ill woman desperate to find her mother. **6.00** Heartbeat. A tractor thief strikes at farms in the Aidsfield area, and Vernon sets himself up as a horticultural expert and garden designer – but makes the mistake of enlisting David's help.
- 7.00 JEREMY KYLE'S EMERGENCY ROOM** The talk show host turns his attention to helping people overcome medical issues, working alongside a team of doctors and nurses on hospital wards who diagnose the ailments of a variety of patients.
- 8.00 HELL'S KITCHEN AUSTRALIA** Australian version of the cooking reality competition which sees aspiring chefs compete in a series of challenges. Hosted by Marco Pierre White.
- 9.15 BULL** A young girl hires Bull to help her "divorce" her parents ahead of Christmas, but mild amusement gives way to serious misgivings when a judge appoints him as her legal guardian.
- 10.15 LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT** When an infant goes missing, detectives take sides in the family's right-to-die court case and Barba's interference in the case puts the whole DA's office in jeopardy.
- 11.15 VICTORIA** The young monarch hopes to avert the formation of a dangerous new alliance between France and Spain by visiting the court of her Gallic counterpart, King Louis Philippe. (S)
- 12.15 SUN, SEX AND SUSPICIOUS PARENTS: THAILAND**
- 1.30 BIGHEADS**
- 2.30 ELAINE 3.20** Close
- ITV WALES:**
- 10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (S) **1.55** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather (S) **2.00** Judge Rinder (S) **3.00** Tenable (S) **3.59** ITV Cymru Wales Weather (S) **4.00** Tipping Point (S) **5.00** The Chase (S) **6.00** ITV News Wales at Six; Weather (S) **6.30** ITV Evening News; Weather (S) **7.00** Emmerdale (S) **7.30** Coronation Street (S) **8.00** Coast & Country (S) **8.30** Coronation Street (S) **9.00** The Bay (S) **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather (S) **10.30** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather (S) **10.45** Britain's Brightest Young Star **11.10** LaLiga Highlights (S) **12.15** British Touring Car Championship Highlights (S) **1.20** Jackpot247 **3.00** Lethal Weapon (S) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)

BBC2

- 11.00 BBC NEWSROOM LIVE (S) 1.00** The Boss. Quiz, hosted by Susan Calman. (S) **1.45** Back in Time for Dinner. The Robshaws get to grips with the home life of the 1970s. (S) **2.45** Back in Time for Dinner. The Robshaws get to grips with the home life and food of the 1980s. (S) **3.45** The Hairy Builder. Dave Myers helps restore an art deco monastery building in North Yorkshire. (S) **4.15** The Hairy Builder. Dave Myers visits the 18th-century Friars Mill in Leicestershire. (S) **4.45** Eggheads. Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine. (S) **5.15** Flog It!. From Gloucester Cathedral. (S) **6.00** Richard Osman's House of Games. (S) **6.30** Island Medics. (S)
- 7.00 ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP** Antiques experts travel around the UK searching for treasures and competing to make the most money at auction. (S)
- 8.00 GREAT BRITISH MENU** Gordon Jones, Lorna McNea and Ben Reade make their way to the kitchen for the Scotland heats, preparing their starters and fish courses. (S)
- 9.00 MOTHERFATHERSON** Max finds himself under the spotlight, and Kathryn must decide whether to make a huge sacrifice for the sake of exposing the truth and destroying Max's empire. (S)
- 10.00 ISLAND OF DREAMS** Harry Enfield stars in this one-off comedy as Richard Branson, living on a paradise island and helping to solve the problems of celebrity visitors including JK Rowling and Adele. (S)
- 10.30 NEWSNIGHT** Analysis of the day's events, presented by Emma Barnett. (S)
- 11.10 WEATHER (S) 11.15** Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation. Documentary examining the 1993 death of Stephen Lawrence, beginning with a look at events leading up to his murder and the police investigation that follows. (S) **12.15** Sign Zone: DIY SOS: The Big Build. (S) **1.15** Sign Zone: Race Across the World. (S) **2.15** This Is BBC Two. (S)

CHANNEL4

- 12.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS SUMMARY (S) 12.05** Come Dine with Me. Dinner-party challenge from East London and Essex. (S) **1.05** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. Paul and Karen rent out their chateau as a holiday gite. (S) **2.10** Countdown. With Paul Zenon in Dictionary Corner. (S) **3.00** A Place in the Sun. Laura Hamilton helps a couple find a holiday home in Mojácar, Spain. (S) **4.00** A New Life in the Sun. A bistro in Spain welcomes a very special guest. (S) **5.00** Four in a Bed. The third visit of the week takes place at The Black Boy Hotel in Sudbury. (S) **5.30** Extreme Cake Makers. (S) **6.00** The Simpsons. (S) **6.30** Hollyoaks. (S)
- 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (S)**
- 8.00 LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION** New series. Kirstie Allsopp helps couple Rachael and Mark in Woking search for a new home, while Phil heads to Guildford to assist Indu and Jason in their property search. (S)
- 9.00 CHIMERICA** New series. Powerful four-part drama series about an American photojournalist accused of doctoring one of his award-winning photographs. Starring Alessandro Nivola. (S)
- 10.00 GOGGLEBOX** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)
- 11.05 FIRST DATES** Return of the restaurant-based dating show, hosted by Fred Sirieix. Participants include energetic 32-year-old owl sanctuary volunteer Krystal. (S) **12.10** The Great British School Swap. (S)

1.05 FILM: LOVE, ROSIE (2014) Romantic comedy, starring Lily Collins and Sam Claflin. (S) ★★

2.50 COAST VS COUNTRY (S) 3.45 French Collection. (S) **4.35** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (S) **4.55** The £100k Drop. (S) **5.50** Countdown. (S)

SPORT



LIVE ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP CRICKET, SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT, 12.30PM

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

12.00 Sky Sports News **12.30** Live Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket Kent v Hampshire. **9.00** Gillette Soccer Special **10.00** The Debate **11.00** Sky Sports News **12.00** Sky Sports News **1.00** Sky Sports News **2.00** Sky Sports News **3.00** Sky Sports News **4.00** Sky Sports News **5.00** Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

11.30 Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket **12.30** Live Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket Kent v Hampshire. **9.00** How the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup Was Won A look back at the 10th staging of the tournament. **11.00** World Cup Cricket Classics **12.00** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **12.15** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **12.35** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **12.55** Lord's Pavilion Portraits **1.00** Cricket's Greatest Games **1.30** Cricket's Greatest Games **2.00** Best of Sky Cricket **2.15** Best of Sky Cricket **2.30** India's Amazing Run Chase **2.50** Battle of Trent Bridge – Atherton v Donald **3.00** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **3.15** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **3.35** Coaching Clinic with Rob Key **3.55** Lord's Pavilion Portraits **4.00** Cricket's Greatest Games **4.30** Cricket's Greatest Games **5.00** Best of Sky Cricket **5.15** Best of Sky Cricket **5.30** India's Amazing Run Chase **5.50** Battle of Trent Bridge – Atherton v Donald

SKY SPORTS ACTION

12.00 NFL: A Football Life **1.00** Sporting Records **1.30** Sporting Records **2.00** Fishing: Hooked on Africa **2.30** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **3.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **3.15** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **3.30** George Groves: Final Round **4.00** Top 14 Round-Up Show **4.30** Sporting Records **5.00** Fishing: Hooked on Africa **5.30** Sports Unlimited **6.30** Motorsport Mundial **7.00** NBC's ProFootballTalk American football discussion. **9.00** Top 14 Round-Up Show **9.30** Rugby 7s **10.00** Motorsport Mundial **10.30** Watersports World **11.00** NFL: America's Game **12.30** Top 14 Round-Up Show **1.00** Rugby 7s **1.30** Super League Gold **1.45** Super League Gold **2.00** NFL – Greatest Games **3.30** Rugby 7s **4.00** Sporting Records **4.30** Sporting Records **5.00** Rugby 7s **5.30** Sporting Records

EUROSPORT

11.00 Live Cycling: Tour of Turkey Coverage of the second stage of the race. **1.00** Cycling: Amstel Gold Race **2.00** Cycling: Tour of Turkey **3.00** Live Cycling: Brabantse Pijl Coverage of the UCI Europe Tour race from Belgium. **4.45** Cycling: Get to Know **5.00** Snooker: UK Championship **7.00** Cycling: Tour of Turkey **8.30** Cycling: Brabantse Pijl **9.30** Cycling: Amstel Gold Race **10.30** Cycling: Tour of Turkey **11.30** Cycling: Amstel Gold Race **12.30** Cycling: Get to Know **12.40** Eurosport News **12.45** Eurosport News **12.50** Eurosport News **12.55** Eurosport News **1.00** Close

EIR SPORT 1

12.00 The Masters **4.00** Classic GAA **5.30** Man Utd v Man City **11/12** **6.00** Golf Central **7.00** Outdoor Sports Show **7.30** On the Limit Sports **8.00** Peak Performance: Horse Racing **8.30** Man Utd v Blackburn Rovers **11/12** **9.00** The Pro14 Hour **10.00** The Back Row **10.30** Manchester United v Everton: 2011/12 **11.00** On the Limit Sports **11.30** On the Limit Sports **12.00** Golf Central **1.00** Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur: 1996/97 **1.30** West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool: 2002/03 **2.00** Newcastle United v Manchester United: 2002/03 **2.30** Man Utd v Sheffield Wed **92/93** **3.00** Classic GAA **4.30** Classic GAA

EIR SPORT 2

12.00 NHL on the Fly **1.00** Serie A Highlights **2.00** La Liga Highlights **3.00** Serie A **5.00** La Liga World **5.30** Serie A Full Impact **5.55** Live Serie A Lazio v Udinese (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.00** NASCAR America **9.00** This is eir Sport **2** **10.00** Serie A Highlights **11.00** NHL on the Fly **12.00** Live NHL Ice Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs v Boston Bruins (Face-off 12.00am). **3.00** Live NHL Ice Hockey Colorado Avalanche v Calgary Flames (Face-off 3.00am).

ATTHERRACES

11.00 Racecaday Live **4.00** All Weather Championships **5.45** Racecaday Live **8.45** Stateside Live **10.30** Racing Review **11.00** Sky Sports News **2.00** Live Australian Racing

RADIO

RTE RADIO 1: 12.00 The Ronan Collins Show. **1.00** News at One. **1.45** LiveLine. Presented by Joe Duffy. **3.00** The Ray D'Arcy Show. **4.30** Drivetime. Presented by Mary Wilson. **7.00** Arena. A round-up of news and reviews from the worlds of arts, culture and entertainment. **8.00** The John Creedan Show. The presenter introduces a mix of contemporary, Irish and international tracks. **10.00** The Late Debate. With Katie Hannan. **11.00** Late Date. Presented by Cathal Murray. **2.00** RTE Radio 1 Replay. **3.00** RTE Gold on RTE Radio 1.

LYRIC FM: 10.00 Niall Carroll's Classical Daytime. The host introduces a programme of classical music, including the feature Five of a Kind at noon. **1.00** The Full Score with Liz Nolan. Austrian-Persian cellist Kian Soltani and pianist Aaron Pilsan join forces for a concert at the Verbier Festival with music by Bach, Brahms, Lohrer and Piazzolla. **4.00** Lorcán Murray's Classic Drive. With classical music and familiar favourites. Plus, the Culture File at 6.05pm, in which Luke Clancy offers a daily guide to creativity around the world. **7.02** Mystery Train with John Kelly. The broadcaster explores the wonders of recorded music, from vintage classic through to the latest sounds. **9.00** The Blue of the Night with Bernard Clarke. **12.00** Lyric Through the Night. A selection of music for the small hours.

RTE 2FM: 10.00 Louise McSharry. **1.00** Tracy Clifford. **4.00** The Eoghan McDermott Show. **7.00** Game On. **8.00** Night Time on 2FM. **10.00** Dan Hegarty – The Alternative. **12.00** 2FM Overnight. Another chance to hear some of today's 2FM highlights.

TODAY FM: 12.00 Muireann O'Connell. **2.00** Fergal D'Arcy. **4.30** The Last Word. **7.00** Lost in Music. **9.00** Paul McLoone. **12.00** Overnight Music.

RAIDIÓ NA GAELTACHTA: 12.00 Priomhscéalta na Nuacht. News headlines. **12.08** An Saol ó Dheas. Magazine programme, broadcast live from Ballydavid. **1.00** Nuacht a hAon. News at One. **2.00** Ardtráthnóna. Chat show. **3.00** Binnéas Béil. Choice of music and musicians. **5.00** Tús Áite. News and current affairs programme, broadcast from Dublin. **5.55** Tuaisíre Spóirt. Sports report. **6.00** Nuacht na Sár. News at Six. **6.30** Fógraí ar Lae. Community notices. **7.00** Ceol Binn ó na Beanna. **9.00** RíRá ar RnAG. Music from the charts with

Sine and Cillian. **10.00** An Taobh Tuathail. Pop music from around the world. **12.00** Scott na Céadaoin. A selection of Wednesday's best programmes on RnAG.

CORK'S 96FM: 12.00 Afternoon Show. **4.00** Drivetime Show. **8.00** Total Access. **12.00** The Best Music Mix Non Stop. **3.00** The Opinion Line.

C103 (NORTH AND EAST CORK): 10.00 Cork Today. **1.00** Nick Richards. **4.00** Drivetime Show. **7.00** Eric Griffin. **10.00** Farm Talk. **11.00** Cork Today. **1.00** Overnight.

C103 (WEST CORK): 10.00 Cork Today. **1.00** Nick Richards. **4.00** Drivetime Show. **7.00** Eric Griffin. **10.00** Farm Talk. **11.00** Cork Today. **1.00** Overnight.

CUH FM 102.8: 12.00 Mass. **12.30** Anything Goes. **3.00** A to Z of Pop. **4.00** Michael Lee. **6.00** Michael Aherm. **7.30** Rosary. **8.00** Shay Bowen. **10.00** Sean O'Mahony. **12.00** Overnight.

RED FM: 12.00 Philip Bourke. **4.00** Dave Mac's Drive. **7.00** Red Hits with Izzy. **10.00** Kilian Pettit. **12.00** The Neil Prendeville Show Rewind. **4.00** Non-stop Hits.

98.3 FM CAMPUS RADIO: 12.00 Leg Breakers. **1.00** Afro Hour. **2.00** Socs on Campus. **3.00** Discovery. **4.00** The Rock Block. **5.00** Focal Points. **6.00** Close.

NEWSTALK 106-108 FM: 12.00 Lunchtime Live. Going behind the day's headlines and talking points with Ciara Kelly every weekday. **2.00** Moncrieff. With Sean Moncrieff. **4.00** The Hard Shoulder with Ivan Yates. Ivan brings his unique style of straight-talking to this opinion-led drivetime talk show, covering everything from current affairs and politics, to sport and business. **7.00** Off the Ball. Sports reports and discussion, with listeners able to have their say on current issues. Hosted by Ger Gilroy, Kevin Kilbane and Joe Molloy. **10.00** The Tom Dunne Show. Magazine-style talk show, covering news, lifestyle, sport and entertainment, plus comedy items and the occasional music track. **12.00** The Best of Newstalk. Highlights of recent programmes.

LIFE FM 93.1: 10.00 On the Level. **1.00** Early Afternoon Show. **4.00** Drivetime Show. **7.00** Different Lives. **8.30** In Touch. **9.00** Life Sermon. **10.00** Classical Life. **11.00** Night Life. **12.00** Non-stop Music.



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FAI board to step down

THE board of the FAI has told Minister for Sport Shane Ross that all members will step down in July.

The announcement was made by Ross at a meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport yesterday afternoon.

In a letter to Ross, FAI president Donal Conway said the board will step aside in July at the FAI's AGM, or beforehand.

"It is our intention that recommendations in relation to restructuring the board will be brought to the membership at our AGM in July (or at an EGM if the work of the group facilitates an earlier date)," the letter stated.

In his statement, Ross described the FAI's appearance before the committee last week as "shambolic".

"I am pleased to confirm to the



FAI president Donal Conway.



Former FAI CEO John Delaney.

committee that the FAI has written to me, indicating decisive action has been taken," Ross said.

"I believe that the AGM should be called before the July date."

The minister was appearing before the committee amid ongoing questions of governance within the FAI.

It was revealed just prior to the meeting that auditors Deloitte have reported the FAI to the Companies Registration Offices for breaking company law.

On Monday, former FAI CEO John

Ross: No more funding until we see reform and change in FAI

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■ John McHale

Delaney offered to step aside while an independent investigation takes place.

"While it is the case that due process is hugely important, you will not be surprised to hear me say that I have become increasingly concerned with these developments," Ross told the committee.



Sport Ireland CEO John Treacy.



Minister for Sport Shane Ross.

CEO of Sport Ireland John Treacy also spoke before the committee.

Last week, Sport Ireland announced the decision to suspend and withhold future funding to the FAI pending the completion of a review and the adoption of recommendations, which Ross agrees with.

"As regards Government funding, I welcome the swift and decisive action of the board of Sport Ireland to suspend and withhold their funding. I can add that there will be no further Government funding for the FAI

until we see real change and reform in the association's corporate governance, and until we have credible answers.

"With regard to future allocations under the Sports Capital Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, I will be closely monitoring developments on corporate governance and the conditions which must be met before Sport Ireland's funding to the Association is reinstated.

"In this regard, no new capital payments will be made by my department to the FAI until I am satisfied with the new measures put in place."

Speaking yesterday Treacy said that an agreement has been made with the FAI that Sport Ireland will carry out a "full audit" of the FAI.

Treacy said the review will be "forensic in nature if we need it to be" and "as extensive as we need it to be."

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Cork City goalkeeper Mark McNulty is beaten by Gary O'Neill's penalty in the defeat to UCD at Belfield Bowl on Monday.
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Chairman calls for a united front as pressure mounts on City boss

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■ Denis Hurley

CORK CITY chairman Declan Carey has called for unity among supporters as the club seek to arrest a slide in form.

Monday night's 2-1 loss at UCD, following the concession of two late goals, made it four league games without a win for John Caulfield's side, who lie in seventh place in the SSE Airtricity League Premier Division table with five defeats from their opening ten games.

A section of fans were vocal in their disenchantment towards Caulfield at Belfield on Monday night. With City in a busy run of games, away to Waterford on Friday and at home to Sligo Rovers next Monday, Carey wants everybody rowing in the same direction.

"We're having a rocky patch at the moment," he said, "but everyone at the club, is committed to getting things back on track."

"We have a big away game against Waterford this Friday and a home game on Easter Monday so we hope the Cork public can help drive the team on."

As with Friday night's draw against St Pat's

Athletic, City led 1-0 in the closing stages on Monday night but an 85th-minute UCD equaliser was followed by the winner from a penalty in injury-time. Caulfield was left to lament the current inability to kill teams off.

"Unfortunately, at the moment, we're just on a bad run and we have to get out of it," he said.

"We had chances to get a second but we didn't get it, it was one of those nights where a lot of decisions were going against us, a frustrating night, at the end of the day the equalising goal was an uncharacteristic error and brought them back into the game."

Easter Monday's game against Sligo Rovers (kick-off 5pm) will be a family fun day, with more details set to be announced by the club this week, including a limited number of free Easter eggs and scarves for young supporters.



Cork City chairman Declan Carey.